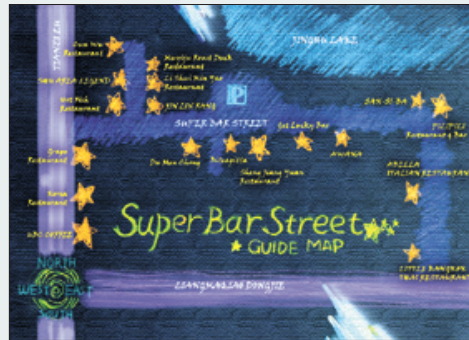




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The pulse of art

Chinese contemporary art is at its investment peak. The First Today's Documents 2007 has collected 60 artists who work in painting, sculpture, installation and photography. Works at the exhibition show each artist's interpretation of "energy" in today's society from various angles.



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Paralympic ceremony tickets on sale next month

By He Jianwei

Tickets for the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games opening and closing ceremonies will be released for sale at the end of next month, an official from the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) said Tuesday.

The committee will announce when and how to get the tickets in the following two or three weeks, Philip Craven, president of IPC, said during his third visit to Beijing this year.

"The ticket prices are very low, and we have a special rate for schools, especially children, though I was criticized when stu-

dents were brought to fill the stadiums in the 2004 Athens' Paralympic Games," Craven said.

Craven said he believes children are important to the development both for Paralympic Games and disabled people. "Leading to the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games, we hope to advocate the change of societal perceptions of persons with a disability and raise awareness of their potential," he said.

"If children are willing to come and watch the Paralympic Games, they can bring their parents with them, so children can educate their parents," he said.

Craven also said the Paralympics would provide a good opportunity to give more Chinese athletes with disabilities a chance to compete at an elite level. "The Paralympics will give a better chance for China to develop the rights of its disabled people," he said.

"I found that the government is putting an effort into making Beijing's main tourist attractions more accessible to persons in wheelchairs, and I hope the Chinese government will continue this effort beyond the Beijing Games and throughout all of China," he said.

Craven said the details of

torchbearer selection will be revealed at the end of January. The torch relay will visit former Paralympics cities and cities that will hold the Games, he said.

Some 4,000 athletes from 140 countries will attend the Beijing Paralympics. Craven said he is satisfied with the preparations.

"We and the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad will work together to ensure Paralympic athletes to achieve sporting excellence and to develop sports opportunities for all persons with a disability from the elite to the beginner level," he said.

Emergency shelters to be finished before 2008

By He Jianwei

The construction of emergency shelters in the Olympic venues, Olympic Village and Olympic Park will be finished before the beginning of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, according to guidelines unveiled by the municipality Tuesday.

About 20 to 30 emergency shelters, with a combined capacity of a million and a half to two million people, need to be built each year in the city, according to the Beijing Municipal Commission of Urban Planning's (BMCUP) report.

The city will finish construction of all large-scale emergency shelters before 2010, and will be within five to 15 minutes walk from residents' homes, the report said.

Shelters will also be equipped with disabled-accessible facilities, including wheelchair-accessible toilets.

The city has a shortage of public emergency shelters, which are designed to provide housing for victims during earthquakes, fires and other emergencies. Within the city proper, there is only one square meter per person available, half that required by city regulations.

BMCUP's statistics show that, as of 2004, the city had 24 emergency shelters in its urban area with a capacity for half a million people.

Nation's first organ donor platform launched

By Huang Daoheng

Shenzhen, the coastal city in Guangdong Province, will launch the nation's first information platform for human organ donation in the first half of next year, a spokesman for the local Red Cross Association said this week.

The platform program was started in February this year with an investment of 1.3 million yuan from the municipal government, Zhao Lizhen, secretary-general of Shenzhen Red Cross Association, said.

Zhao said the process is going well, and relevant software development will be finished by the end of the year.

The platform aims to play the role of communication agent for hospitals and the Red Cross, the secretary said. Hospitals will provide the Red Cross with the records of donors and patients. When the donors are ready for transplant operations, the Red Cross will select patients according to their order in the platform.

"The procedure ensures all patients have a fair opportunity to receive transplant operations," Zhao was quoted by the local *Guangdong Daily* as saying. It may prevent patients from jumping the queue by bribing doctors, she added.

The public can log onto the website, Zhao said, but the information about donors and receivers can only be viewed by hospital and Red Cross workers.

Zhao said that the launch should help curb trade in human organs.

The Red Cross has hired experts to assess every donor and patient, and has plans to increase the scope of the platform to connect with more hospitals and medical organizations in other provinces.

In 2003, the People's Congress of Shenzhen passed regulations on human organ donation to ensure an open and accountable legal process for human organ donations and transplants. Persons under 18 years old are only permitted to donate organs to their relatives.

2,008 butterflies honor the Games



Gao Suxin, an 84-year-old woman in Harbin, Heilongjiang Province, finished her long-roll paper-cut with 2,008 paper butterflies yesterday to honor the coming 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. The work took the folk artist two months.

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City selling security to seniors

By Han Manman

In an attempt to move elderly people out of their homes and into places where they can get necessary attention, the country's first "house bank for the aged" project was launched this week.

Launched by the Beijing Federation of Industry and Commerce, the Shijingshan district committee and the Shijingshan civil administration, the project encourages elderly people to submit their homes to a "house bank," which helps them manage rent. The rent can then be used to pay rest home bills.

Many elderly people have taken interest.

Cui Xuefan, 76, was a senior economics professor before she retired, and both her sons live in foreign countries. She was in the first group to sign an agreement with the house bank agency to rent her two-bedroom flat for 30,000 yuan per year.

She will move to a rest home chosen by the bank agency and be given 2,000 yuan of service there each month.

"I was so lonely living by myself. I had thought to lease my apartment and live with my sons, but I was afraid of being cheated," Cui said. Now, with the property certificate safely in her hands, the rent not only covers Cui's rest home fees but also earns her 500 yuan per month.

An official from Shijingshan civil administration said people aged 60 or over can apply for the house bank service. Professional house agency workers will come to evaluate the house. The rest home fee will be directly deducted from the rent, and the owner can apply for monthly, seasonal or annual rent.

The new format has not only helped to reduce rest home vacancy rates, but also narrowed the gap between retirement pensions and rest home fees, Yi Mi, vice director

of Municipal Committee for Aging People Services, said.

"The format is very common in western countries, but is still in the exploration stages in China," Yi said. She said Beijing has two and a half million people over age 60. However, vacancy rates in the capital's 320 rest homes hover at 47 percent, due both to an expectation of children to support their parents as well as the homes' record of poor service and high fees.

Apart from its skyrocketing economy, China faces another kind of growth – an aging population. The number of people aged 60 and over will hit 434 million by the middle of this century, accounting for 31 percent of the total population, Du Peng, chief of the Institute of Gerontology with Renmin University, said on Monday at the Eighth Asia and Oceania Regional Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics in Beijing.

Brief news

11.5 percent surge in GDP

The country's GDP in the first three quarters reached 16.6 trillion yuan, up 11.5 percent from the same period last year, said the National Bureau of Statistics on Thursday.

First conviction for money laundering

Four people in Shanghai were sentenced to jail terms ranging from 15 months to two years for laundering a million yuan. This marks the first conviction since the country's anti-money laundering laws entered enforcement this year, the Hongkou District People's Court in Shanghai announced.

Nine million jobs

The country has created jobs for 9.2 million people from the country's urban areas in the first three quarters of the year, exceeding the target of nine million for the whole year, Yin Chenji, spokesperson for the Ministry of Labor and Social Security said on Monday.

25,600 foreign-funded food enterprises

The number of foreign-funded food enterprises and branch offices in the country has hit 25,600, over 45 percent of which are food producers, according to a latest report issued this week by the State Administration for Industry and Commerce.

Shrinking rural population

The country's rural population stood at 737 million at the end of last year, accounting for 56 percent of the total population, down from 64 percent in 2001, Xie Fuzhan, director of the National Bureau of Statistics, said on Monday.

(By Jiang Xubo)

Debate over police crackdown on Guangdong 'ernai'

By Annie Wei

The local government in Guangdong is allowing police to fine men caught with mistresses, called *ernai*, a Guangzhou newspaper reported earlier this month.

It's not a secret that many local and expat men keep a second wife despite being involved in an existing legal marriage.

The *ernai* problem is much more obvious in south China. Rapid industrialization in provinces like Guangdong has drawn young women from towns and villages to the cities looking for well-off men from Hong Kong or Taiwan.

However, under the new regulations on women's rights which took effect this month, behavior like taking a second wife is con-

sidered a social crime, and local police can fine such behavior or seek criminal prosecution of severe offenders.

Ma Yinan, a professor from Beijing University's law school, thinks there are not enough laws to regulate police involvement in cases of adultery, and there are not detailed regulations in the country's marriage law to spell

out a penalty.

Some lawyers in the Guangdong Lawyers Association disagree with Ma. They said that taking a second wife constitutes bigamy, which violates China's marriage law. "There are plenty of laws and regulations to support this, just a lack of detailed procedures for the police to follow."

Many local citizens said taking

a second wife is like prostitution and should be considered criminal by the police.

Huang Shumei, a lawyer from the legal department of the Guangdong Women's Federation, said it is difficult to collect necessary evidence to levy a fine, but the new regulations could act as a deterrent to prevent *ernai* from breaking up marriages.

Forestry authority to search for tiger

By Annie Wei

The State Forestry Administration decided to send experts to Shaanxi Province for the investigation of the "extinct" South China tiger following a claimed snapshot of one that sparked public debate over the species existence.

The amateur photographer, Zhou Zhenglong, who took the snapshot came to the capital with officials from the local forestry department this week to prove the picture as genuine.

The State Forestry Administration met Zhou and Shaanxi officials, but refused to give any comment. They said an investigation would be carried out, and they would publicly announce the result.

Zhou, 52, a local hunter-turned-farmer, was awarded 20,000 yuan for the pictures he took last week of a South China tiger, a species believed extinct in the wild for the last two decades.

Fu Dezhi, a researcher from the China Academy of Sciences, published an article online which said the photograph is a fake. "If the picture is real, I will chop off my head," Fu said.

Zhou Zhenglong responded that Fu's head may soon be moving to a new location separate from his body, and Zhou said he and his son would submit themselves to prison if the picture is not genuine.

Fu said the dimensions of the tiger and its surroundings are not proportional. If it was a real tiger, the leaves in front of the tiger would be as big as a basin, but there isn't a plant with such big leaves in that area, Fu said. Also from the picture, the person who took the picture would be in half-squat position, but Zhou said he was lying down.

Wang Wanyun, director of wild animals management section of Shaanxi forestry department, claimed to have authenticated the pictures and will not be forced to authenticate them again.

Fu said he will go to the place Zhou claims to have taken the picture to investigate whether it is real.



Sculptures walk Wangfujing Street for festival's opening

Living sculptures drew a crowd yesterday on Wangfujing Street in Dongcheng District, which was part of the opening ceremony for a commercial cultural festival held in the downtown.

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Chengdu couple seeks foster family to keep their romance alive

By Jiang Xubo

A couple in Chengdu, Sichuan Province, posted an online advertisement last week seeking a foster family for their future child in hopes of preventing the child from interfering in their romance.

"We are seeking an infertile couple to act as our child's foster parents, so the two families can bring up the child together," the couple wrote in the advertisement, which was posted on Baidu.com Wednesday.

"All prospective candidates must be legally married and below age 45 with local residency and a stable income. They should also be well educated and adore children," the couple wrote. They said they will not consider people with a bad temper or "indecent hobbies" such as gambling.

The child will be permitted to stay with the foster family and support them when he or she grows up, the couple wrote, and said they have strong enough

careers to support themselves after retirement.

"There is no place for children in the blueprint in our lives," the wife, surnamed Sun, told local *Tianfu Morning News*. "Without children, we can enjoy complete freedom in arranging our time, traveling the country and even going abroad. It's a way to enjoy our romance without disturbance."

The husband, who is over forty and will retire in ten years, never planned to have children.

"I love my husband so much that I want his baby. Yet, I also cherish our commitment to each other - that romance must not be disturbed by a child," the woman explained.

However, the couple wouldn't just give away their child through regular adoption. They would require regular visits and an update on their child's conditions as part of their agreement with the foster parents.

The advertisement got 2,000 hits and 100 responses in the

last week. Some criticized the woman's absence of maternal love and said the couple was selfish. Others offered leads for possible foster parents.

"It sounds like a perfect idea. After all, people are entitled to the freedom of choosing their way of life, as long as it doesn't break the law and go against basic morals," Hu Guangwei, vice chief of the Social Sciences Division of Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences, said. "However, I doubt they can make it come true. Things change, and the adoption could run into trouble if poorly arranged," He said.

Li Jin, a doctor from the Mental Health Center of the local West China Hospital, disagreed. "Children do not spoil marriages, but help to make marriages complete," she said. "Nobody but the parents can be responsible for their children. Emotions are mutual things, and people who never fully devote themselves can never enjoy fulfillment," she said.

Giant panda bites tiny intruder

By Jiang Xubo

A panda at the Beijing Zoo attacked a teenage boy Monday afternoon, slicing the boy's flesh deep enough to expose bone, but posing no threat to his life, local newspapers reported.

Li Xitao, 15, jumped over the nearly two-meter-high barrier surrounding an outdoor exercise area for pandas where Gugu, an eight-year-old male panda, was walking and playing. The startled 110-kilogram Gugu bit the uninvited visitor in both legs.

"The boy jumped into the enclosure and walked, stooping down to the panda, teasing it with a bamboo branch he picked up. The animal stared at him for a moment and then charged. The boy attempted to flee, but the panda cornered him against the stone wall and barrier," a woman surnamed Wang who witnessed the attack told the *Beijing Times*.

Visitors tried to pull the boy out of the enclosure, but failed.

The zookeepers responded several minutes later and lured the panda away to end the attack successfully.

Pandas, generally thought to be cute creatures, are still wild animals that can turn violent when provoked or startled, an unnamed staff member from the zoo said.

Li, who came from nearby Hebei Province several months ago, made his living in the capital by selling recyclable trash collected from the street. The boy climbed into the enclosure out of curiosity, the newspaper said.

Zoo authorities called the police and sent for an ambulance, which took the boy to Beijing Children's Hospital. He will remain hospitalized while recovering from his wounds.

The boy was not Gugu's first mauling. A drunk man jumped into the enclosure and tried to shake hands with him last September, and was bitten in the right leg.

The panda enclosure operated as usual after the attack. Zoo administrators are considering setting up wire netting around the panda enclosure to prevent further incidents.

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Chang'e I

Journey to moon



China's first lunar probe Chang'e I blasted off from its launch pad in Xichang Satellite Launch Center on Wednesday, marking another milestone in China's aerospace program after man-made satellites and manned space flights.

The Commission of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defense has not yet announced any plans to carry out a manned flight to the moon. But it mentioned in a document that China's lunar program aspires to carry out a manned flight to the moon and a space station.

China's moon probe

First moon orbiter blasts off

(Guardian) – China launched its first lunar probe Wednesday in a display of its technological prowess and ambition.

The state-run CCTV station broadcast images of the blast off on schedule from the Xichang space centre in southern Sichuan province into cloudy skies.

The launch was preceded by a volley of propaganda about national unity and the growing power of China. The vessel will broadcast patriotic songs into space as it makes its way towards entering moon orbit on November 5.

Named after a legendary goddess who flew to the moon, Chang'e is on a one-year mission to create three-dimensional maps of the surface and analyses lunar dust using stereo cameras and x-ray spectrometers. The first images will be transmitted back to Earth in the second half of November.

China to build new space launch center

(AP) – China is planning to build a new satellite launch site – the country's fourth – to boost its burgeoning space program, state media reported Sunday.

The facility will be located in Wenchang on the southern island province of Hainan, about 38 miles away from the provincial capital Haikou, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

The site is close to the equator which makes it well suited for launches because lower latitudes have stronger centrifugal forces, reducing the amount of energy required to launch rockets, Xinhua said.

The plan has been approved by the State Council, China's Cabinet, and the Central Military Commission, it said, with-

out giving any details on construction or a completion date.

China takes great pride in its space program and sees it as a way to validate its claims to be one of the world's leading scientific nations.

Intro of the mission

The project, approved by the State Council on January 23, 2004, is the first stage of China's moon exploration program, which includes three stages:

1 Circling the moon

Sending Chang'e I to orbit the moon for a year. Some of the mission aims are:

Technological objectives

- to develop and launch China's first lunar orbiter
- to demonstrate the technologies needed for a lunar mission

Scientific objectives

- to analyze the abundance and distribution of elements on the moon
- to investigate characteristics of lunar soil

2 Landing on the moon

Aims to send a "lunar vehicle" to soft-land on the moon and cruise the surface by 2015. The research, analysis and demonstration of the overall plan for the second stage have been completed.

3 Back to Earth

Aims at the soft-landing of another unmanned vehicle to collect samples of lunar soil and bring them back to the Earth by 2020. Research on the scientific objectives has started.

(Source: China Daily)

Voice from world wide

NASA applauds China moon probe

(CNN) – US space agency NASA has added its voice of congratulations to its Chinese counterpart following the launch Wednesday of China's moon probe.

"The Chinese people have a long and distinguished history of exploration. NASA wishes China a continued safe human space flight program," NASA Administrator Michael Griffin said.

US scientists fear

Although many people assume that the US will always be a world leader in science and technology, this may not continue to be the case. We fear that we are no longer leaders but simply players. We've moved backward just by standing still.

– Neil DeGrasse Tyson, astrophysicist, US

Local people are proud

The Chang'e project makes China more confident than before. Technological development is important for China's stability.

– Lu Dai, a Beijing resident

Congratulations, China!

Please accept my congratulations for sending Chang'e I probe to the moon. The Chinese are not only talking about moon exploration but actually doing it for the world to see. Indeed, Chinese people should be proud.

– Alien Predator, UK
(By Huang Daohen)

A new space race?

Japan launched its first moon probe last month, and India plans a similar lunar mission next spring.

Though US now remains the dominant in space exploration, China's launch of its first lunar orbiter arouses a worldwide concern of a new space race among Asian powers.

Japan lunar probe reaches orbit

(AP) – Japan has placed a satellite in orbit around the moon for the first time, officials said on October 4, in a major space breakthrough for the Asian nation.

The US \$279 million Selenological and Engineering Explorer (SELENE) is the largest lunar mission since the US Apollo program in terms of overall scope and ambition.

The mission involves placing the main satellite in orbit at an altitude of about 60 miles and deploying two smaller satellites in polar orbits, according to the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency.

Researchers will use data gathered by the probes to study the moon's origin and evolution. The main orbiter will stay in position for about a year.

India plans first moon probe

(Reuters) – India will launch a locally built rocket on the country's first unmanned mission to the moon next

April, the head of the project said this month.

The nation hopes to send an astronaut into space by 2014.

Despite limited funding, India operates an extensive space program consisting of launch vehicles, satellites and data-processing centers.

The state-run Indian Space Research Organization launched four satellites on a single rocket for the first time in January, including one that was brought back to earth to set the stage for the country to send an astronaut into space by 2014 and a manned mission to the moon by 2020.

Sixteen Indian satellites currently orbit the earth, supporting telecommunications, TV broadcasting, earth observation, weather forecasting, remote education and healthcare.

Scientific exploration, not competition

By Huang Daohen

China will not embark on any lunar probe competition "in any

form with any country" and will "share the results of its moon exploration with the whole world" in its pursuit of a policy of peaceful use of airspace, said a chief commander of the country's first lunar satellite project.

"The decision on the lunar probe was made completely in accordance with China's own conditions, which is not meant to be compared with others," Luan Enjie, chief commander of the lunar satellite project, told Xinhua news agency, acknowledging that a new wave of moon exploration has started in recent years and many capable countries have mapped out their own moon probe plans.

"Chang'e I only conducts scientific missions, without any military aims and carrying no military facilities and equipment," said Luan.

"Our decision-making process was carried out without any exterior influences," Luan said.

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China needs to control investment, credit growth – Premier Wen

(XFN-ASIA) – China needs to continue to control investment and credit growth, Premier Wen Jiabao said at a meeting of the State Council, or cabinet, to set fourth quarter economic and social development planning.

Wen said China also needs to control exports of energy-intensive products.

In remarks published on the main government website, Wen repeated earlier pledges that

there will be no hike in government-set prices this year.

China needs to slow the rise in consumer prices and prevent the overly rapid increase in property prices, he added.

He also said China needs to closely monitor the types of projects that rely on bank financing and guide commercial banks in the scope of their lending.

This is the first government meeting after the 17th Party Congress ended.

According to the latest statistics from the National Bureau of Statistics, annual growth in gross domestic product eased to 11.5 percent in the third quarter, bang in line with forecasts, from a 12-year high of 11.9 percent in the April-June period.

China's consumer price inflation stood at 4.1 percent year-on-year for the January to September period, after a decade-high reading of 6.5 pct in August.

This was despite five interest rate hikes this year alone, and most observers expect another hike may be imposed before the year is out.

Although inflation is currently limited to food prices, the central bank has stated its concerns that it could spill over into the broader economy.

However, it is anticipated that the recent inflation highs will peter out toward the end of the year.



AirBus A380 arrives in Shanghai

An AirBus A380 arrived at Shanghai Pudong International Airport yesterday to give 150 passengers a one-hour test flight. This afternoon, the plane will return to France.

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China to try to curb steel production

BEIJING (AP) – A European Union official said Wednesday he received assurances from China that it is trying to curb steel production, an announcement that could ease tensions between the two sides over soaring Chinese exports.

Officials gave a “very clear and determined” message that China has no interest in being a major exporter, said Heinz Zourek, the EU director general for enterprise and industry.

European steel producers complain that they are being hurt by Chinese exports sold below cost.

“China considers that they have reached a peak of capacity of production of steel and will do whatever they can to avoid that additional capacity will be created,” Zourek said as he wrapped up a three-day visit.

China is the world's

biggest steel producer but Beijing has imposed new taxes to discourage exports and rein in growth of the industry, which it says is too dirty and energy-intensive.

Despite those measures, Europe's steel imports from China in the first nine months of this year were up 137 percent from the same period of 2006 at 8.9 million metric tons.

According to Zourek, officials of China's main planning agency, the National Development and Reform Commission, said they hope to cut steel production capacity by 20 percent to 400 million tons.

Beijing also wants to enhance productivity by closing down outdated facilities, Zourek said. He said a Chinese delegation is due to attend an EU seminar in Poland this year on restructuring an obsolete steel industry.

China Merchants Bank approved to set up financial leasing company

(Xinhua) – China Merchants Bank (CMB), labeled the best bank in China by finance magazine Euromoney, announced Wednesday that it had been given the green light from the national banking regulator to set up a financial leasing company.

The Shanghai-registered leasing company will be solely funded by the CMB, with a registered capital of two billion yuan.

The main business of the company will cover procurement of aircraft, ships and other large equipment, and financing for small and medium-sized companies. The bank is now making final preparations to open for business.

Other major banks including China Construction Bank, the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, the Bank of Communications and the China Minsheng Banking Corp, have gotten the nod from the China

Banking Regulatory Commission (CBRC) to set up financial leasing companies. The Bank of China, the country's second largest lender, bought Singapore Aircraft Leasing in 2006.

The Rules Governing Financial Leasing Companies that took effect this March have allowed domestic commercial banks to hold stakes in financial leasing companies.

“In the United States, about 30 percent of large operating equipment, including aircraft and ships, are leased compared with only three percent in China, which indicates a huge potential market,” said Yang Boqin, a senior official with Shanghai Ronglian Finance Leasing Share Co., Ltd.

Cai Esheng, deputy chairman of the CBRC, has said more qualified banks would be allowed to set up financial leasing companies based on actual needs.

5th DigiChina Expo underway

As many as 20 countries and regions brought their digital culture to Beijing, Thursday at the Beijing Exhibition Center for the four-day China 5th International Digital Content Expo (DigiChina).

This year's Expo will focus on the original cartoon industry, web music and Internet videos, as well as new application technology, emerging Internet culture and digital life.

The Expo is free to the public. Audience tickets are available upon completion of a registration form.

(By He Jianwei)

First international China cashmere fair to open

By Han Manman

The first China International Cashmere Fair, organized by the China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Foodstuffs, Native Produce and Animal By-Products (CFNA), will be held at China World Exhibition Hall from November 1 to 4.

Global cashmere firms, including numerous famous Chinese firms like Erdos, Snowlotus, Viction, St Edelweiss and Tianshan, as well as Pi-pi Gou and Dong Da Mongolia King, will display their cashmere products at the fair.

The second session of the China International Cashmere Forum will be held on November 2 during the fair.

The country is a major manufacturer and exporter of cashmere and related materials, and is responsible for 75 percent of total world output. The China International Cashmere Fair is the only cashmere fair approved by Ministry of Commerce.

RIM's BlackBerry to go on sale in China

NEW YORK (AP) – Shares of Research in Motion Ltd. surged Tuesday after the BlackBerry maker and French telecommunications company Alcatel-Lucent announced plans to sell the popular gadget in China.

The companies said they have signed a strategic agreement to begin distributing the 8,700 model of the smart phone in select Chinese markets later this year. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Alcatel-Lucent said it was able to certify the phone for use in the country through Chinese mobile device maker TCL Communications.

“This strategic partnership perfectly matches Alcatel-Lucent's global presence and strength in the Chinese market with the global awareness and popularity of RIM's BlackBerry brand,” Frederic Rose, president of Alcatel Shanghai Bell and head of Alcatel-Lucent's Asia-Pacific operations, said in a statement.

Luxury exhibitions: positive or negative

By Gan Tian

A car worth 10 million yuan, a bottle of wine for 150,000 yuan or 248 grams of tea leaves costing 28,800 yuan – these products had been on display at the International Private Collection Exhibition at the World Trade Center from September 19 to 21.

The exhibition spotlights products ranging from food, clothes and houses to cars and even personal yachts.

Shanghai Borrison Event was the company that presented the exhibition in Shanghai. It's spokesman Sheng Lei said, "I attended an exhibition of luxurious products being shown by Monaco's royal family. At that time, famous cars were being displayed. I thought this exhibition should be held in China, too." He pointed out that Shanghai and Shenzhen had already held this exhibition on three separate occasions.

However, some not-so-wealthy people felt uneasy seeing these luxurious objects. The exhibition was open to VIP guests on the first day, and to the general public on the second. A staff member said, "It was obvious that, on the second day, there were fewer visitors."

Some Chinese experts claim this is a "show-off" exhibition, and should not be recommended at this time. Zhao Renwei, a researcher at the Institute of World Economy in the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, said that the rich have



Sitting in the lap of luxury.

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the right to buy anything, but he didn't agree with them showing off their expensive possessions. "To flaunt these luxuries leads to negative, inadequate feelings in the poor," he said.

Comment Too luxurious

It is unbelievable. These exhibited works are far too expensive for the average

person to buy. At present there are still many people who don't even have adequate living space. A watch for 100,000 yuan! It is beyond reach, so it is meaningless to put on this kind of exhibition.

— Luo Tianyue

Enlarging Chinese luxury market

That the exhibition can be held in China proves that the Chinese

market is getting larger in this field. At the same time, it teaches us about European trends.

— Nadia

Long way to go

I didn't like the exhibition simply because it didn't reach international standards. Many of the internationally famous brands didn't take part. It only pointed out that luxury products in China still have a long way to go.

— Jesse

Improvement

I think the exhibition had a positive effect. People had a chance to become better acquainted with luxury products and brands. Many small ventures learned why these products could be sold at such exorbitant prices. For many Chinese vendors and businesses, they can use

these examples as a model to imitate and improve their own products continuously.

— Romance Roller

Rich man's game

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Sophie's World author gets philosophical



Norwegian writer Jostein Gaarder

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By Han Manman

The Norwegian writer Jostein Gaarder, author of the international bestseller *Sophie's World*, came to Beijing this week for the launching of his new novel *Maya* in Chinese translation.

My philosophy road

During his stay in Beijing, Gaarder received a very warm welcome from the locals as many Chinese were first introduced to philosophy and the "eternal questions" after read-

ing his hugely successful novel *Sophie's World*.

His first time in China, Gaarder said he had preconceptions of the country when he was a child. "I knew China was 'under my feet' and on another part of the planet. I was so confused at that time and worried, 'Will China fall because it is upside down?'" he said.

Gaarder still sees himself as that 12-year-old boy who felt stunned being part of a big mystery that would never be solved. "Many people take the world for granted and try not to think about the questions: 'Who are you?' and 'What is a human being?'" "But I thought about it everyday when I was a boy," he said.

"When I posed the question to my parents, my teachers and my friends, they all told me not to gather wool," he said. To find the answer, he chose to study Scandinavian languages and theology at the University of Oslo. However, this renowned author is forced to admit even now, "it is not possible to completely understand what you are."

Sophie's World

He personally believes *Sophie's World* is a very good book. However, Gaarder said the book only discusses western philosophy without touching on eastern philosophy, which he regrets.

"I would have included Eastern ideas like Confucianism, Taoism and Indian philosophy

if I had known the book would end up with so many readers," Gaarder said, adding that he initially thought *Sophie's World* would only attract a group of specialists.

Sofie Foundation

The success of this book also afforded him the opportunity to form the Sofie Foundation, which promotes a sustainable environment.

According to Gaarder, the foundation awards the equivalent of US\$100,000 annually to "an individual or an organization that, in a pioneering or a particularly creative way, has pointed to alternatives to the present development and/or put such alternatives into practice."

Gaarder said a Chinese lady was recently awarded the Sofie prize as she provided some excellent suggestions for the Beijing Olympics' environment protection. On mentioning the Olympics, Gaarder revealed that the opening ceremony, August 8, is also his birthday.

With his exuberant imagination and joy of storytelling, Gaarder has fascinated the entire world. His many novels, which all pose central questions about man's place in the universe, are read with the same interest all over the globe. The subjects he covers are universal, and they attract the interest of people the world over regardless of their cultural, ethnic or religious background.



Declan Galbraith (left)

Photo provided by Declan Galbraith Fans bbs

British musician meets Beijing fans

By Gan Tian

Declan Galbraith, child star, paid his first visit to China last Saturday with his producer Alan Field and his father Alec Galbraith, saying that he is going to stage a concert in May next year.

The young entertainer arrived in Beijing last Saturday and held a press conference on Sunday where he met crazed Chinese fans. The young star along with his father and producer were extremely excited to see China. "We will go to the Great Wall tomorrow, then fly to Shanghai for a promotional stop on Tuesday, and finally drop in on Chongqing and some other cities. Of course, a ten-day trip is not enough to see all of China. I will see a lot more when I come back next May."

Field, the producer, shared his views on Galbraith. "I've been involved in Declan's life for seven years. It's been a fantastic experience working with him as he is a very talented young man and getting stronger and better in his field," Field said. He said that he was delighted to see that the young entertainer had so many fans in China. "When I received the invitation from China I was so surprised since it wasn't one of the targeted markets in our promotion plan. Later we learned that, thanks to the Internet, many Chinese fans have fallen in love with Declan's music, and that's why we want to create some business here," he said.

In promoting his fourth album and the concert next year, Declan sang a song on the spot with his guitar called "Love Hurts." Many of the fans noticed that he is now going through a period where his voice is changing and maturing. The young entertainer doesn't seem concerned about it.

"I have been attending a voice clinic these days. My voice trainer is teaching me different ways of singing and also telling me what to eat and not to eat. Music is my life and I will follow this routine forever. It's not a problem," the young talent said.

Chinese fans gave the young musician a Chinese knot and a painting with fans' signatures on it as gifts from China.

The young Galbraith became famous at the age of eight with his first album singing traditional Irish songs and some specially written material. It charted in the UK and Ireland.

Later in 2002 when he was ten, he released his album titled, *Declan*, in which the song "Tell Me Why" became a No 1 Hit all over the world. At present, the singer is preparing for his Beijing concert.

Women's football coach resigns

By Huang Daohen

Marika Domanski-Lyfors, the national women's football team head coach from Sweden, finally decided to resign and not lead China's "steel rose" to the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, the China Football Association (CFA) announced this week.

Domanski, China's first women's soccer head coach from overseas, made the final decision on Tuesday, stating that she will not continue the job of head coach due to health and family problems.

She was expected to make a decision by October 11, but her response was delayed again and again due to personal concerns.

"It's really hard to make this decision since I've really had a good time in China with the players," Domanski said during a phone interview with CCTV 5 on Tuesday night.

"However, I have a son in Sweden and I need to stay close to him now," she said.

The Swedish mentor stressed that the illness of her assistant Pia Sundhage and other family matters convinced her to stay at home rather than maintain a job in far away China.

However, more reports believe

that a lack of confidence in the team's expected goal at the Beijing Olympics played the decisive role in her withdrawal.

Previous reports said that the CFA has demanded at least a bronze medal in the women's football event at next year's Olympics.

Rumors also suggested that Domanski once asked to take full control of the team before the Olympics, much to the displeasure of some chief officials.

Traditionally, a CFA official has accompanied the national soccer team wherever it goes, whether in competition or training, and always has the right to question a coach's decision-making.

The CFA showed regret at Domanski's resignation and expressed its desire to keep her on as coach.

Now, the CFA has begun a search for Domanski's successor from competitive candidates on the shortlist, including Jorge Barcelos, who led Brazil to the runners-up at the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup, Frenchwoman Elisabeth Loisels, former coach of France, and American April Heinrichs, the head coach who led the US to victory in 1991's FIFA Women's World Cup.



China's former coach Marika Domanski-Lyfors felt down after their loss to Norway at the quarter-final match of last month's FIFA Women's World Cup.

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UNICEF investigates conditions in Inner Mongolia

By Huang Daohou

Health and education are two important fields that the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and local government need to cooperate on to improve the lives of children in remote and rural areas, David Hipgrave, senior program officer with UNICEF China, said at a UNICEF debriefing.

Hipgrave attended last Sunday's debriefing at the Beijing Ginza Mall to report the findings of UNICEF's week-long field trip earlier this month.

The group, including Hong Kong Committee for UNICEF Ambassador Gigi Leung and UNICEF officials, visited local families in remote areas of Inner Mongolia to assemble a TV program.

The program, a cooperation between UNICEF, the Commerce Ministry and the Ministry of Health, aims to record living conditions of children in Keerqin County, Inner Mongolia. It calls for charity donations to the China's Kids Health Fund.

"My week in Inner Mongolia opened my eyes to the plight of poor families in rural areas," Leung said.

According to the report, Inner Mongolia, an enormous region



UNICEF ambassador Gigi Leung (right) enjoys a happy moment with a child during the week-long trip.

Photo provided by UNICEF

spanning almost half the width of China's north, is one of the country's poorest, with high maternal and child mortality rates, and high rates of child malnutrition.

The population of 25 million is widely dispersed, making access to good health services difficult, the report said.

During the visit, the group had direct contact with families who have experienced tragedy, including the parents of newborn infant Xiao Xu (pseudonym). The baby died 23 days after birth when his family failed to seek medical care for a fever.

"In Hong Kong, we take for

granted the availability of food, water, transport and access to good care. Here, people are struggling to achieve very basic conditions," Leung said.

New subsidies for poor families like Xiao Xu's are aimed at creating access to better, more affordable care.

Learning French for the Olympics

By Han Manman

A French book designed to teach Chinese speakers 100 oral French sentences was published by the French embassy and the Beijing Olympics Organizing Committee last Friday.

Ambassador Herve Ladsous said the book is being published to promote language exchange between the two countries. The book will be freely distributed to as many as 100 schools in China.

Chinese waiters can use the book to learn how to pronounce French dish names like "canard cuit" or "mouton bouilli" in preparation for the Olympics. Some Chinese dishes, including Beijing duck, boiled mutton and spring rolls, are translated into French for the book's listing of 100 oral French sentences.

It includes daily dialogs in French with corresponding pinyin.

Fifty French-speaking countries and regions are expected to attend the Olympics, Xu Da, vice director of the publicity department of the Beijing Olympics Organizing Committee, said.

"If volunteers and local residents can learn some simple sentences to exchange with foreigners, it will promote a sound language environment for the Olympics," Xu said.

Institute's Spanish session begins

By Gan Tian

Beijing Institute Cervantes started its second session of free courses in Spanish translation last Saturday.

A select group of 97 students from eight universities in Beijing and Tianjin will attend to learn Spanish language, culture, literature and translation. Most of the courses will focus on sports and information on Olympic venues. "It is mainly aimed to promote Spanish language study in China, but at the same time, the students can serve as translators at the Beijing 2008 Olympics," Song Yang, a spokesman for the Institute, said.

The course finished its first term last October and graduated 108 students, most of whom now work at Spanish organizations and institutes. The Institute will hold another term of the free courses next May, where a final 30 students will be selected to serve as interpreters for Spanish athletes and coaches at the Olympics. They will also have the opportunity to do an internship and one month of study at the Barcelona Olympic venues.

Spanish Science and Education Minister Mercedes Cabrera and Chinese Education Vice Minister Zhang Xinsong visited the institute in the afternoon to congratulate the students.

Huang Xiaoyun, a Beijing University student, was the winner of the first term's Spanish language translation competition held by Tinta China, a Spanish language magazine.

Changing face of US media in the digital age

By Jackie Zhang

The digital invasion has made it increasingly difficult for ordinary newspapers and magazines to survive. Monday morning, Ann Olson, a trainer, consultant and project developer with 30 years of experience as a journalist and media manager, was invited by the US embassy to talk about the state of media in her country at the embassy here.

Digital technologies have changed the way journalists and editors work, as well as the printing process. "Now journalists have to be well-rounded. Recorders, cameras, film editing, all the things that we did not use in the past are expected skills," Olson said. "I know a journalist. The first thing she does every time when she arrives at a

place where she will report is to take out her digital camera and take a 360 degree view of the location. She says it helps her to get a feel for the location," she said.

Olson said US papers are scrambling to attract their readers by digital technology. "The Internet is like an engine to facilitate media development. People get information online, buy things, talk and keep in touch with others. Even advertising can help you earn money on the Internet," Olson said.

Newspapers in the US, like the Washington Post and New York Times, are trying to provide readers with more. A few weeks ago, the Times launched a new service to deliver the paper to subscribers'

e-mail boxes. "When reading the newspaper on your computer, you will be able to turn the pages like reading a real newspaper."

Besides newspapers and magazines, websites are providing a variety of services and are constantly inventing new ones. Olson used the example of Zillow.com, a real estate website, where you can check information on every house in every region in the US. "You can even know how many rooms are in the house, how many bathrooms, when it was last renovated and so on," Olson said.

In Ann Olson's opinion, the digital invasion has redefined news. "An American professor has predicted the end of the newspaper in 2015, but I think



Ann Olson

Photo by Jackie Zhang

newspapers will not disappear. They are convenient for people to take along. Although it sounds old-fashioned, it is important to people," Olson said. She also said there would no longer be mass newspapers in the future; narrow newspapers will take their place, like professional papers targeted at specific groups.

EU launches website for Chinese youth

By Han Manman

Jan Figel, visiting European Union commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth, arrived Monday at Beijing Foreign Studies University amid Slovak songs sung by welcoming students.

The visit was to promote youngeuropa.cn, a new website targeting Chinese college students, and kicks off Figel's six-day trip to China.

The site content is based largely on existing text and materials from European Commission sites, and

includes news, education, sports and travel information.

The site launch was the prelude to the signing of two joint agreements between the European Commission and the Chinese ministries of culture and education. Figel said his delegation would reach out to Chinese youths with content tailored to them both visually and in language.

Figel said the web is the best channel for both sides to establish a deep and lasting inter-cultural dialogue. The site has a visually excit-

ing and attractive intro page and animated menu.

Some students said the most attractive parts are the info on EU scholarship programs and the EuropaGO games.

The joint agreements also specified the areas of cultural and educational exchanges between China and EU, including that of students, joint research and cultural projects.

"I expect that, in a not so distant future, the strategy of academic and cultural cooperation that we are

launching today will translate into stronger trade links between the countries of the European Union and China," Figel said.

During the six-day trip, Figel will also discuss sports with his Chinese counterparts.

"This is the perfect time to talk about the impact of sports on world affairs, because the Beijing Olympic Games are less than ten months away. The Olympics will bring tremendous opportunities for travel, exchange and dialogue," Figel said.

Teenage boys strive for football tournament

By Jackie Zhang

The first football tournament among internationally famous high schools took place this week. Teams from a high school affiliated with Renmin University (Rendafuzhong) and Beijing Luhe High School will have their final competition in Rendafuzhong this afternoon.

The football tournament is organized jointly by the European Union Education Foundation (CHEER), Rendafuzhong and the football branch of the China Students' Sports Association. Starting last Saturday, boys from eight world-famous high schools began their week-long football competitions at the training base of Rendafuzhong located in Xibeiwang, on the western outskirts of the city.

"The schools we invited this time are all quite famous, including Eton College, Dulwich College and Sutton Grammar School from the UK, Amstelveen College from the Netherlands, St Paul's College from Hong Kong, Rendafuzhong, Beijing No 4 Middle School and Beijing Luhe High School," Xu Jianwei from the football branch of the China Students' Sports Association, said.

In yesterday's matches, Rendafuzhong and Luhe High School finally got their ticket to enter the finals. Dulwich College and Beijing



Students from Eton and Dulwich College playing at Rendafuzhong.

Photo by Zhang Nan

No 4 Middle School won the competition for the fifth and seventh place in the tournament.

"We are quite impressed with the Chinese boys. They played very well," Nick Brown, the coach for Dulwich College team, said. "They are great from a technical aspect, but I think they should learn more about defense in order to get better results in bigger competitions."

Andy Jennings is the coach for the boys from Eton College. He has been their coach for three years. "These boys are all 17 and it is their first time visiting China. They are all excited,"

Jennings said.

Since the 1950s, the football team from Eton College has had at least one visit to foreign countries for exchange; in 1998, the team came to China for the first time, and in recent years, players have gone to Hong Kong and other Asian countries. "Beijing is very nice. The training base is quite good: green grass and no high temperatures. Everything is nice," Jennings said.

Compared to the teams from European countries and China, the boys from Hong Kong had more difficulty playing football in

their city. "Hong Kong is small. Due to financial problems and limited fields, we cannot organize big-scale matches. So it is quite a nice opportunity for these boys to come to Beijing and have competitions with teams from other schools," Deng Weiliang, coach of St Paul's College, said. "Although the boys come to Beijing for the match, they have to handle their normal study schedules as well. Yesterday, they just finished their physics exam in the hotel." Deng said that these boys might have fewer chances to play football professionally in Hong Kong.

World's most endangered primates revealed

By He Jianwei

Mankind's closest living relatives, apes, monkeys and other primates, are under unprecedented threat by the destruction of tropical forests, illegal wildlife trade and commercial bush meat hunting, according to a new report.

The report, released Thursday in Hainan Province by the Primate Specialist Group of IUCN's Species Survival Commission (SSC) and other institutions, pointed out that 29 percent of all species are in danger of going extinct.

Titled "Primates in Peril: The World's 25 Most Endangered Primates" (2006-2008), the report compiled by 60 experts from 21 countries warns that failure to respond to the mounting threats now exacerbated by climate change will bring the first primate extinctions in more than a century.

Hunters kill primates for food and to sell the meat; traders capture them for live sale; and loggers, farmers, and land developers destroy their habitats. "You could fit all the surviving members of these 25 species into a single football stadium; that's how few remain on the Earth today," Russell A Mittermeier, who chairs the IUCN/SSC Primate Specialist Group, said. "The situation is the worst in Asia, where tropical forest destruction and the hunting and trading of monkeys puts many species at terrible risk."

The second organic farm harvest fest runs on Sunday



One of riveting activities is pumpkin painting.

Photo provided by Lejen Chen

By Annie Wei

The Green Cow Organic Farm will hold its second Organic Food and Harvest Festival this Sunday afternoon in Shunyi.

The farm is a facilitated private one that provides seasonal vegetables for Mrs Shanen's restaurant. There will be quite a few events for children and families.

According to Lejen Chen from the farm and restaurant, they expect about 400-500 guests, mainly their customers, community-supported agriculture members, friends and people who appreciate organic

foods and a environment-sensitive farm.

Harvest Games for Kids

Corn maze, face painting, pumpkin painting, cornhusk doll making, potato relay and potato sack racing.

Natural Foods Farmer's Market

Organic and fair-trade coffee, near-organic eggs, natural Dutch Gouda cheeses from Yellow Valley, natural honey from Mengtougou, organic apples, Green Cow's pick your own salad greens, and organic Italian wines.

DIY Yard Exchange

To encourage recycling, guests

are invited to bring any household items they want, like clothes, toys, appliances and books, to give away at a 'Take It or Leave It' station.

Natural Lifestyle Market

Biodegradable planters, biodegradable cups, books, massages by Dragonfly, portrait painting, and organic cotton display.

Organic Food Education

Eva Sternfeld from the China Environment and Sustainable Development Reference and Resource Center (CESDRRC) and other organic agriculture experts will talk about organic foods in China.

The Future of Food, a documentary about our food will be shown at 11:30 am and 2 pm, followed by a discussion. Trailer is found online at thefutureoffood.com/trailer.htm.

Scarecrow Dressing Competition

This is a family competition. Please bring a set of clothes to dress your scarecrow. Don't forget to pre-register since this event will have only six entries.

Raffle prizes will be announced during the festival. The grand prize this year is a Chinese quilt made with our homegrown organic cotton. For admission prices and location, please call Mrs Shanen's restaurant in Shunyi (8046 4301).

Events

The Great Corporate Quiz Off

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Halloween Warehouse Party

The party features a DJ line-up set with eight Acupuncture DJs pumping techno and house all night at Originally Square, an 800-square meter German-designed warehouse in the legendary 798 Loft District. The venue will also be equipped with a 300-square meter chill-out lounge and an outdoor BBQ feast.

Where: Originally Square, No 20 Road 797, 798 Art District, No 2 Jiuxianqiao Road

When: October 27, 10 pm - midnight

Cost: 50 yuan before midnight, 80 yuan after; tickets available at door

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Come and learn to perform a Chinese tea ceremony with Chinese Culture Club experts. A tea ceremony will be performed first. Then all participants will learn how to do it step by step. Every three participants will be provided with one complete set of tools for the performance. Tea types, tea selection, steeping and savoring will be explained.

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When: November 1, 10 am - 12 am

Cost: 100 yuan

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Where: Ballroom 1, Radisson SAS Hotel, A 6 Donglu, North Three Ring Road, Chaoyang

When: November 1, 9 am - 11 am

Cost: free for members, 300 yuan for non-members

Tel: 5922 3388 ext 313

(By He Jianwei)

Beijing International Dance Festival strikes back

By Gan Tian

The fifth Beijing International Dance Festival is ready to kick off next month, with 15 dancing shows visiting from different parts of the world.

Over the next couple of weeks, delegates from the US, UK, Canada, Spain, Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong will take part in the season. Performers from Shanghai, Sichuan, Inner Mongolia and Ningxia will also be appearing.

The Drover's Wife, originally written by Australian writer Henry Lawson, will be staged by the Australian Steam Workshop from November 10 to 13 in the Tianqiao Theater. However, the opening show will be *The Riddle of Tibet* by Chinese famous dancer Yang Liping. *The Riddle of Tibet* tells the story of an old Tibetan woman's experience on her way to a pilgrimage and will be performed at the Poly Theater from November 13 to 15. Broadway's classic musical *42nd Street* will be at the Beizhan Theater at the same time. This musical has already enjoyed 3,486 performances, and finally it comes to China.

The Paul Taylor Dance Company will also arrive in Beijing for the show from November 16 to 18 at the Poly Theater. There are also ballets by the Shanghai Ballet Dance Group called *Huayang Nianhua* (flower years) on November 20 and 21. Afterwards the New Zealand Royal Ballet Dance Group will perform *Cinderella* the following two days giving you a chance to see the sharp contrasts between Chinese and Western ballet.

Hip Hop dancing will energize you at the Beizhan Theater from November 23 to 25 as the



German dancers perform at the festival opening.

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New York Street Pope Group makes their Beijing stop on their hip hop world tour with their show. *Jingmeng*, or *Waking from Dreams*, an adoption of Ming Dynasty's famous writer Tang Xianzu's work called *Mudanting*, will be performed at Beijing University.

The China Grand Theater is also welcoming the Hong Kong Dance Group for their Qingming Shanghetu at the end of November through to December 1. The 87 dancers will make the two-hour dance an epic-like show. On December 3, the Canadian

Montreal CLC Dance Group will be putting on *In the Paradise* at Beijing University.

Blood Wedding, a typical Spanish Flamenco dance will be performed by the Spanish Flamenco Dance Group at the Poly Theater from December 4 to 7. Dancing troupe Yueshang Helan from the Ningxia Yinchuan Art Theater will perform at the Poly Theater from December 8 to 10 and will give you a good look at Hui minority people's life.

Inner Mongolia will also give Beijing citizens a show about

their lives called *Tiangge Yunwu* at the Beizhan Theater on December 15 and 16.

To set the Chinese Christmas mood, dance group from Chicago will perform a tap dance called *Christmas Dancing Shoes* at Beizhan Theater from December 21 to 23. At the same time, Poly Theater will welcome the season's closing show – *Lady Butterfly* by British Northern Dance Group.

Tickets can be purchased at each theater, or you can call 400 818 3333, 6551 2811 ext 822, or 6400 9935 for details.

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I have been in Beijing for a few months and I want to know where I can learn jewelry making.

You can try the gem department of China University of Geosciences (Wuhan), which has a training center in Beijing. They have varied kinds of courses including jewelry design. Tuition also varies with different courses. Where: 10-5-303, Xingbiao Jiayuan, Wanliu, Haidian. Tel: 8256 6578. Web: gic.net.cn or gen-y.net.

Do you know where I can buy good quality cashmere in Beijing?

Cashmere is not very popular among the younger generation now. Erdos is the leading brand in China. It has outlets in most department stores. You can have a look its product at chinaerdos.com.

I asked my Chinese friends about what to do on weekends and they suggested traveling to the Fragrant Hill to see the red maple leaves. It was horribly crowded with so many Chinese visitors. I don't know why so many Chinese find it interesting.

Seeing red maple leaves at the Fragrant Hill is a traditional thing to do. It's like having a "themed hike."

I am writing an essay about China's tax system. I want to know how the one-child policy affects it.

China does have laws and regulations concerning Planned Parenthood. The "one-child policy" is the term used but, in fact, there are also detailed laws and regulations with clear information pertaining to couples who wish to have two children. There is no regulation detailing the effect of the one-child policy on China's tax system.

Why do Chinese parents insist on over-wrapping their infants, especially during the winter?

It depends on how you view over-wrapping and wrapping. According to traditional practice, keeping the infant warm is very important.

Just want to know when the heat will be turned on and how much I should pay, in case my landlord overcharges me?

The heat kicks in on November 15 and cuts off on March 15. Generally speaking, heating costs 30 yuan per square meter, but varies depending on what kinds of natural resources are being burned: coal or natural gas. Also, different kinds of compounds have different prices as well. It's better to consult the apartment property management where you live.

(By Wei Ying)

Where to buy used bicycles

By Annie Wei

Winter is approaching, and riding a bicycle may not much fun now, but it's still convenient for people traveling to the nearby supermarket or coffee shop.

The couple who repairs bicycles at the corner of a small alley connecting Sanlitun and Xindong Lu say that new bikes around 150 yuan are in a worse condition than some used bikes.

"They are so badly made that, in the end, you'll spend more money on parts than the bike is worth," the wife said, "You can pay the same money for a high quality used one."

However, it seems that the second-handed bicycle market is invisible in town. If you ask local friends where you can go for a decent used bike, normally they will say somewhere in Haidian, at least 30 kilometers from the Workers' Stadium area.



Beixingqiao used-bike store is allowed to sell second-handed bikes.

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Where do you get good quality but economical bikes? According to the Beijing Municipal Bureau of Commerce, there

are 164 used bike-trading spots, 40 second-hand markets and ten trust stores registered. It used to be easy to get a used bike

from repairmen, but, due to serious bike thefts, authorities have short listed places for legal used bike sales.

Below are selective bike places closer to the expat communities.

Dongcheng: Beixingqiao Xintuo Shanghang, 30 Dongs Bei Dajie; Jinghuiqiao Zixingche Xintuo Shanghang, 62 Dongs Bei Dajie

Xicheng: Guiwenjie Zixingche Fuchengmen, 15-3 Fuchengmen Bei Dajie

Chongwen: Ruizhi Lida Shangmao Company, 103, building 3, 88 Guangqumen Wai Dajie; Qianmen Zixingcheng Shangdian, 11, Xipailin, Chongwen Wai Dajie

Xuanwu: Beiwei Lu Mengji Chenhong, 32 Xiejie, Tianqiao Market

Haidian: Meidu Likang Jiuhuo Shichang, Jia 3, Xibozi-cun, Qinghe

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Looking around the exhibition hall one can see lacking in new art works from the newcomers to the than a handful have never before participated in an “In choosing these artists we were looking directly latent in the Chinese art world. I really wanted to viewers had not yet seen or noticed and artists and future energy,” Zhang Zikang, director of Beijing T Speaking of the unique characteristics of the Post-80s generation, Huang Du believes these people egotistical and sees them as having a microscopic view “They are good at expressing their personal experiences of loneliness and pain, much different from



Guping Mound No 33 by Xu Changchang

Symptom by Wang Jianwei

Surplus by Miao Xiaochun

Chinese contemporary art

The First Today's Documents 2007 has the theme "Energy: Body, Material." Some 60 artists, working in mediums such as painting, sculpture, installation and photography, interpret from different angles their understanding of "energy" in contemporary art. These artists are individuals from the contemporary art world who are full of "energy" and the public will feel the release of energy through their works.



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Zhu Jinshi's work employs more than 3,600 light bulbs to create one enormous light bulb, echoing a kind of analysis of physical energy. "I'm considering whether I can make the myriad of twinkling city lights into a single beam of light," Zhu said.

Shi Jinsong's display shows a pile of burnt charcoal. The work of expended energy assaults the viewers' sense of sight and, at the same time, represents the beginning of a new collection of energy.

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In another photo stands two buildings. One is Tango, a nightclub with a modern architecture and decoration, and the other is Jindingxuan, a Chinese restaurant with Chinese traditional decorations. "The two buildings are of different architectural styles. They look inharmonious when they appear in one photo. In fact, we are reluctant to address such scenes as the east meeting the west and the traditional meeting the modern," Miao said.

Hu Jieming offers a five-meter-long photo, *Altitude Zero*. The images show ocean waters, drifting materials such as abandoned and polluted objects, symbolizing detachment and alienation from mainstream cultural domains.

"The objects drift between sea bottom and sea level creating a sense of movement and instability. The materials remind us of the remnants of different cultures and times. Sometimes they float away and, at other times, resonate between the viewers and the objects," Hu said.

tion's art work demonstrated social responsibility and a reflection of history. It is precisely these things that are the traces of an era, and at the same time they are what make up Today's Documents documentary exhibition," Huang said.

As for the standards of participating artists, the curators followed the most basic principle. "This is not a competition," said Huang. "We are not looking for fame and fortune."

As for the standards of participating artists, the curator takes "equilibrium" as his most basic principle. "This is not to speak of the simple equilibrium of the artist's fame, age or specialty. This implies the curator's selection from different realms, and contemplating and choosing artists from various levels. To date, this is not a common phenomenon in mainland exhibitions," Zhang said.

The exhibition's participating artists' ages range from 25 to over 50, creating a medium range from traditional painting to new painting, from sculpture to installation, from photography to multi-media and include other various methods, putting forth the most experimental, forward-looking trends of Chinese contemporary art.

**The First Today's
Documents 2007:
Energy – Spirit,
Body and Material**

Where: Beijing
Today Art
Museum, Building
4 Pinggod Garden,
32 Baizhuan Lu,
Chaoyang

When:
Daily 10 am – 5 pm,
until November 13

Admission:
10 yuan

Tel: 5876 0600

Beauties No 3 by Li Guangxin
Photos provided by Beijing Today Art Museum

The Age of Turbulence

Adventures in a New World



Alan Greenspan

THE AGE OF TURBULENCE

ADVENTURES IN A NEW WORLD

About the Author

Greenspan was born in 1926 in the Washington Heights neighborhood of New York City. After a professional career in music, he earned his BA, MA and PhD degrees in Economics from New York University. In 1954, he co-founded the economic consulting firm Townsend-Greenspan, and for the next two years served as Chair of the Council of Economic Advisers under US President Gerald Ford. He was appointed Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board by Ronald Regan in 1987, a position held until his retirement in 2006.

In the wake of September 11, 2001, during his 14th year as Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Alan Greenspan was part of a quiet, collective effort to avert US economic meltdown – a crash which would take the world economy with it.

It wasn't the first time Greenspan was tasked with saving the economy. The stock market crash of October 1987, his first major crisis as Federal Reserve Chairman, came only weeks after he assumed control. The crash came within a hair of freezing the financial system and triggering financial panic.

For Greenspan, the most remarkable thing that happened to the economy after that day September 11 was nothing. What in an earlier day would have meant a crippling shock to the system was absorbed astonishingly quickly.

After September 11, Greenspan knew the global economy was more flexible, resilient, open, self-directing and fast-changing than it was even 20 years ago. It was a world that presented us with enormous new possibilities and challenges. *The Age of Turbulence* (544pp, Penguin Press HC, US \$35) is Greenspan's reckoning with the nature of this new world – how we got here, what we're living through and what lies over the horizon. The book draws on his experience directing the world economy for longer and with greater effect than any other living figure.

"I wanted to make the leap from writing economic analysis to writing in the first person about what I'd experienced," he wrote of the book on Amazon.com.

Greenspan shares the story of his life simply with an eye toward doing justice to the extraordinary amount of history he has experienced and shaped. The book is aimed at drawing readers along the learning curve he followed and imparting an understanding of the underlying dynamics that drive world events.

"I had had inklings of this new world (globalization), of course, but as I raced from one policy meeting to another, I never had time to sit back and think about all this," he said. "Was this a permanent change or just another technological evolution that would, with time, come to an end? Would the growing income inequality that seemed to be associated with this new paradigm create a backlash to the forces of globalization? And wasn't this a dangerous trend for our democracy?"

In the second half of the book, Greenspan attempts to answer these questions with his vision of what is in store for the global economy. He delves into the specific facts at ground level in each of the major countries and regions of the world and explains what the trend-lines of globalization are from here.

"In the end, I can confidently say writing that final chapter brought me-and the book-closure. It is not the grand finale of Beethoven's Ninth, but for me, it hit the right chord," Greenspan wrote.

Turbulence is the distillation of a life's worth of wisdom and insight into one elegant, coherent world view, and will stand as Greenspan's personal and intellectual legacy.

(By Derrick Sobodash)

Penguin book listing

By Han Manman

With almost a decade of experience living in Beijing, Jo Lusby, general manager of Penguin China, could be called a Chinese culture expert. A self-proclaimed bookworm, Lusby reads all of Penguin's publications.

She recommends several must-read Chinese books, translated into English, which she believes will give expats a window into Chinese culture and society.

This week, she recommends three Chinese masterpieces. Although ancient, the stories are everlasting.

The Story of the Stone

By Cao Xueqin, translated by David Hawkes, 384 pages, 183 yuan

"This translated version by David Hawkes is called the best-ever by Chinese experts. The book, mainly focused on a big family, is a mirror to reflect true Chinese history. The events which shake the family are a concentration of Chi-

nese society itself. For expats who want to know more about China, this is my first recommendation," Lusby said.

Strange Tales from a Chinese Studio

By Pu Songling, translated by John Minford, 608 pages, 110 yuan

"The book was first published last year. The stories are exquisite and amusing miniatures that are regarded as the pinnacle of classical Chinese fiction. Translator and Chinese scholar John Minford fully captures the consummate skill and understated humor of Pu Songling's novel. In his tales of humans coupling with shape-shifting spirits, bizarre phenomena, haunted buildings and enchanted objects, the author pushes the boundaries of the human experience and enlightens as he entertains," she said.

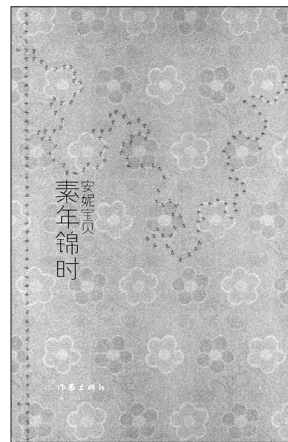
Monkey

By Wu Ch'eng-En, translated by Arthur Waley, 352



pages, 97 yuan

"Wu Ch'eng-en wrote *Monkey* in the middle of the 16th century, adding to an ancient Chinese legend with his own touches of delicacy and humor. The book is one of our best-selling books overseas. Westerners like the story so much – not only children, but also adults. When I was eight or nine years old, my mother read the story to me. I was immediately captured by its interesting plot. Even now, many years later, the book is one of my favorite and I never tire of reading it," Lusby said.



Su Nian Jin Shi

A plain year, but wonderful moments

By Annie Wei

Anni Baobei is a successful idol-like writer for her very personal writing style, with eight books of great sales performance published since 2000 and some earned film deals.

Her latest book, *Sunianjinshi (A Plain Year, but Wonderful Moments)*, by Anni Baobei, The Writers Publishing House, 27 yuan) was just released at the end of last month. In this collection of short essays, she attempts to connect ego awareness and her surroundings. Baobei talks about her life experience, family, childhood and the southern city where she grew up, became lost and found her purpose.

The book is separated into seasons like spring, summer, autumn and winter. Apart from the last piece, which is a short novel, they are all conversations she has with herself – an exchange between writer and that which is written.

Her writing is very limited by her personal life, and most work reflects the sense of loss and loneliness that plague urban youth. It is a reflection of the struggle and self-exploration of a woman in her early twenties up against social pressures of the past.

The new book also has a short novel at the end, something that smacks of "chick-lit" but with a deeper sense of self-examination. In her early novels, the stories were of rebellious young women or a young woman flirting with young and successful men. Now it's about a lost woman in her late twenties finding peace by marrying a powerful, successful middle-aged man. The plots are all similarly coated with Chinese culture and values, especially as experienced by urbanites.

Honestly, there have been few changes in her writing style or her story themes since her debut in 1998 when online writing first began.

Still, there is something unique and beautiful about her style that attracts readers. She is the only Chinese writer of whom this reporter has read eight works without tiring. Her style is so distinguished, and the way she describes everything is original among modern Chinese writers.

Her words are precise and have a familiar feeling only she can create. Readers can easily find something in common and quickly become engrossed in the mood.



Outside
Fengguo Box



A corner of the shop

Rent a box, and sell your soul

By Gan Tian

Ancient Chinese people said creativity was in the soul. Taking this old adage into the modern era, Fengguo Box rents boxes for customers to deposit their souls in and test how they fare in the modern market economy.

Fengguo is located on Zhongguancun Walking Street. Though the area is more known as China's Silicon Valley, a little radiation could never interrupt Faustian business deals.

Wang Sanshi, a young creative market fan, decided to get into the business after realizing the blackest market around was severely under-represented on this creative street.

The shop is stocked floor to ceiling in soul boxes awaiting fresh content. Customers can rent a box for 200 yuan per month. After rental, you can put anything in the box, decorate it any way you like and have Fengguo staff sell it for you. You choose the box, you decide the price and you earn the profits. The shop takes a 20 percent cut, of course, but that is a much better deal than Faust got.

Their store can accommodate 300 souls at any given time – at least until it can

afford Ghost-busters

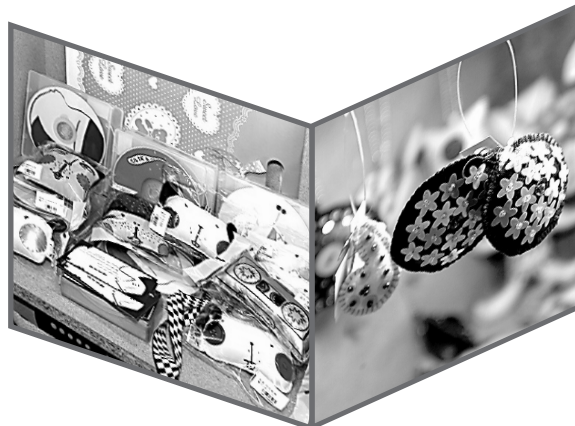
technology – and 200 of the boxes are already rented. Most renters design the products themselves to provide a platform for young Chinese designers – mostly students and urban workers. One glance at the shop is enough to know it is the playground of youths.

China has many “underground” designers, most of whom are design school graduates. Due to lack of money and investment, young designers rarely have a chance to put their ideas into practice. The situation is getting better through, with creative markets breaking into the public and attracting business attention.

“In China, young designers desperately need an opportunity to show their works. Fengguo Box gives us more time to think about our works instead of business, so it is really a good platform,” Ma Yan, a renter, said.

Still, a look around at the boxes would suggest some of these souls are not so developed. The designs jump out of another world – they are limited to dolls, notebooks and paintings. That kind of idealism can't survive in the business world and doesn't reflect strong communication with the public.

At any rate, Fengguo's success proves there is no business like soul business.



Dolls in different shapes

Earrings and decorations

Most popular boxes

118+119

Meng Hao, the owner, earns 10,000 yuan per month through her two boxes. What she buries inside is the essence of “functionalism” in life: bread and a notebook. It is like taking a peek at morning breakfast, and how much heart goes into the day.

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Ma Yan's box is decorated with cartoon pictures, but the most attractive part is a cat-shaped cushion. Ma said she likes cat very much, so she decided to hold it in her arms wherever she went. “I like simple designs, so I used black man-made fur to create a cute

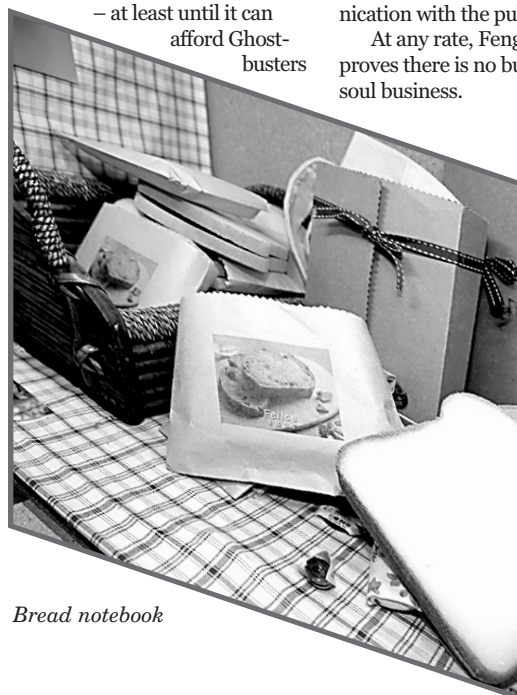


Cartoon-style
paintings

cat. It is simple and symbolic.”

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Alu is a considerate young lady who wanted to buy her mother a brooch. When nothing suitable turned up, she brought a bunch of jewelry home to make her own. The leftover materials were used to decorate her soul box at Fengguo, and it's been a big draw for customers.



Bread notebook



miniature sculpture

Where: G13, Zhongguancun Walking Street, Haidian
Open: 10 am-8:30 pm
Tel: 5172 1793

Photos by Li Shaolin



Encounter stars on Super Bar Street

By He Jianwei

Super Bar Street (Xing Ba Lu), the third bar street after Sanlitun and Houhai, is located half a kilometer east of Yansha Bridge.

Positioned in the Yansha commercial area and the third Embassy District, Super Bar Street boasts 30 bars and restaurants in the kingdom of Beijing's night-life. To the north of the street, the quiet Jinghu, or Mirror Lake, adds to its charm.

If you are familiar with Chinese rock stars, you may have visited this street before. When Zheng Jun, a rock veteran, opened his Logos Bar on this street in 2005, more and more bars and restaurants followed suit.

Besides Zheng Jun, other rock stars and bands often perform in the bars. The Get Lucky Bar has been regarded as the cradle of Chinese rock music. If you are lucky enough, you may even see improv

performances by Cui Jian, China's godfather of rock 'n' roll.

Compared with the other two bar streets, this one is far from the residential area and rests in the commercial area and doesn't intrude upon the residents' daily life. It also provides lots of space for parking.

The nearby Laitai flower and plant store offers you the chance to go completely crazy and buy a million red roses to present to your sweetheart in the bar of your choice. Snack foods and dining are available in the area.

Besides, rubbing shoulders with famous domestic stars and bands, you can also attend some theme parties during holidays like Christmas, Valentine's Day and special foreign festivals.

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Illustration by Wang Bin

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Thai food that won't Bangkok your budget

By Han Mamman

Depending on how you enter Super Bar Street, Little Bangkok can be incredibly easy or incredibly difficult to find.

Though it is off the beaten track and its decor is nothing to write home about, this simple Thai restaurant has two excellent chefs who serve up food to redeem all the complaints above. They lay claim to the best Tom yum soup in town.

Little Bangkok's gregarious owner-manager Anna Teresa Mok provides the personal attention needed to turn a good meal into a great meal. She is a trustworthy guide through Thailand's culinary delights.

Mok recommends the Tom yum soup (38 yuan), big enough to be a starter for

two. Follow it up with pomelo prawn salad at 35 yuan and stewed beef with coconut cream and chilli sauce for 30 yuan, which is just spicy enough to keep things exciting. Move on to Thai-style deep fried beef jerky for 38 yuan, then finish the night with stir-fried crab with curry sauce served with French bread for 108 yuan.

Little Bangkok aims to carve out a place for itself in Beijing's increasingly crowded Thai scene by offering a "cheaper, tastier" version of the cuisine, Mok said.

Little Bangkok

Where: 35, Super Bar Street, Laitai Flower Street, Chaoyang District

Open: 11 am – 11 pm

Tel: 8690 2382

Cost: 100 yuan per person



Pilipili: the city's first African restaurant

By Han Mamman

The exotic-looking grass roof building at the end of Super Bar Street is Pilipili, the city's first African restaurant and bar.

"Pilipili" is the Swahili word for chili, and it was selected as the restaurant name both for its easy pronunciation in the mouths of locals and its ability to remind African expats of their homeland.

The flavor of the food here will leave you feeling like you've set foot in Africa for the first time. The menu includes flavors from Zanzibar, Tanzania and Kenya.

For an Egyptian meal, start with a bowl of lentil soup and an order of baba ghanoug, a salad of roasted eggplant mixed with tahini that you scoop up with pieces of fresh thin pita bread.

Past the clay pots and Chinese waiters, you can find Egyptian chef Morsehdi Mohamed hard at work in the kitchen. Mohamed said he had no idea what he was in for before coming to China. "I work

every day from 10 am to 3 or 4 am the next morning," he said. "I don't get to travel around the city."

His hardest task is finding tough ingredients such as mastic and cardamom. This keeps some national dishes like molokheyya and kawarei, or lamb shanks, off the menu. Even his beloved koshari, a kind of Egyptian street food, is hard to locate in Beijing.

With only five hours of sleep a day, Mohamed has very little time to spare. When he has time, he tries to visit one of the city's 68 mosques. The mosques are a peaceful haven for the capital's 250,000 Muslim residents.

There is an "African Night" on the last two Fridays of each month, when African DJs play traditional African beats.

Pilipili

Where: 22, Super Bar Street, Laitai Flower Street, Chaoyang District

Open: 11 am – 2 am next day

Tel: 8448 3372, 8448 4332

Cost: 100 yuan per person



Biteapitta – capital's affordable falafel

By Han Mamman

Biteapitta, a semi-fast-food restaurant that specializes in Middle Eastern fare, is one of the only falafel places in town and serves some of the cheapest eats in Beijing.

The cafe has an appealingly casual atmosphere and can satisfy falafel lovers on a tight budget. Its offerings start at 2 yuan for a plain pita, and stay low along with its range of topped pitas and sandwich fillers. A falafel sandwich for 10 yuan is the first choice for most visitors. As little as 40 yuan gets you a nice breakfast with fried eggs, pita, light salads, a coffee and a fresh orange juice.

Although there are other options for falafel and hummus in town, it is hard to beat Biteapitta's – round balls of fried, spiced ground chickpeas, dressed with fresh vegetables

and a creamy, nutty sauce, packed in a soft pita pocket for 10 yuan. One is the right size for a good snack, and two will top off an empty stomach.

Their listing only mentions their pitas, falafel and hummus, but they have many more dishes. Try their salads and don't forget the Shwarma Melt or the Schnitzel. Cheap pitas are a great carry-out.

Fresh, homemade pitas also come stuffed with delicious treats like hummus and marinated mushrooms or mashed potatoes, or topped with oil or cheese for a pizza-like creation. The short menu offers salads, shawarma and other reasonable, tasty snack fare. Service can be trying, but Biteapitta gets high marks for quality and value, making it one of the best dining choices in the area.

The falafel and mushroom pita

sandwiches served up at this popular eatery are some of the best bargains in Beijing. Run by an Israeli couple, Biteapitta does fresh and light Middle Eastern food and is tasty, filling and inexpensive. The friendly staff and bright decor make it a cheerful stop before a night on the town.

Owner Shuly Shabtai took her eatery inspiration from her kitchen. In her four years since moving to Beijing, Shabtai has often whipped up fresh pita bread and creamy hummus – foods common in her native Israel, but rarely seen in China.

Biteapitta

Where: 30 Tiaze Lu (near Nuren Jie, turn at the grape restaurant before the New Get Lucky Bar)

Open: 11 am – 9 pm

Tel: 6467 2961

Cost: 20-30 yuan



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Taste a hot and spicy legend

By Jiang Xubo

Want to have a hot and spicy dining experience in the capital? The Shu Area Legend, a Sichuan style restaurant, is no doubt a good choice. The restaurant has established its reputation as one of the most popular of its kind since it was established in 2003.

Located near the gate of the Super Bar Street, the two-story restaurant offers a standard selection of Sichuan dishes, with catfish as one of its house specialties.

"We use Sichuan local wild catfish in the dish. The flavoring from local peppers eliminates the fish's foul flavor, making it taste more delicate and delicious," Tang Wenbin, chef and manager of the restaurant, said.

The restaurant's spicy selection, which includes spicy crab and spicy shrimp, are among the most popular dishes.

However, if your tongue is not prepared for the hot stuff, or you need a little fresh relief in your meal, the Sichuan assorted vegetables is absolutely the dish for you. The salad-like dish is a colorful mixture of different kinds of vegetables, including the purple and green gyluna, red and yellow sweet pep-

pers, radishes and peanuts. The concoction is pleasant to both your eyes and taste buds with its fresh and sweet aftertaste.

The restaurant's menu is bilingual with pictures of its star selections. It is very informative, listing the dishes' primary and secondary ingredients, as well as expected flavor.

The two-story restaurant, which is tastefully decorated in overhanging scarlet, is quite spacious. Yet it's prudent to avoid peak hours, those being between noon and 1 pm, and 6 pm and 8 pm, when the restaurant sees its greatest influx of customers.

The restaurant offers another bonus by charging no fee for its booths, which can accommodate groups ranging from eight to 16, which makes it an excellent choice for family gatherings. But you'd be wise to make a reservation one day in advance.

Shu Area Legend

Where: Western entrance of the Super Bar Street, Chaoyang District

Open: 10 am - 10 pm

Tel: 8454 3276

Cost: 50-80 yuan per person



Photo by Kenneth Hao



Fall in love with Italian cuisine



Photo by Kenneth Hao

By Huang Daohen

Italian cuisine, with dishes perfect for every occasion, is among the richest and varied. Nevertheless, if you are looking for that special blend between Chinese hospitality and Italian cooking, then look no further than the Abella Italian Restaurant.

The Abella, located on Super Bar Road Laitai Street, is a small and friendly Italian restaurant. Featuring a relaxed and comfortable interior environment, patrons appreciate its customer-oriented decor.

This restaurant is wonderful, from the hostesses' bright smiles to the food on the plate. It provides the professional service of a typical Italian restaurant, offering a variety of genuine home-made Italian dishes including classic pastas and pizzas as well as steaks and seafood dishes.

One huge plus which should be mentioned is the restaurant's chef and manager, Tony Zhan. The renowned chef loves to prepare wonderful recipes personally, and his extra care and attention result in dishes of perfection.

Besides the mouthwatering dishes, the restau-

rant offers a special family menu on Sundays. The menu features low-cost, unique appetizers, an extensive wine list and a special children's menu.

"The Abella truly has something for every member of the family," one can't help remarking after a Sunday visit.

In addition to the Sunday family menu, the restaurant has a daily Happy Hour, from 5 pm to 7 pm. During this time slot, customers can take advantage of relatively low prices for the food and drinks.

Being a small privately owned and managed restaurant it can be a challenge, but the Abella staff seems to pull it off smoothly. The waiters, who look too young to drink, are knowledgeable about wine and the menu, offering great pairings and suggestions.

The Abella Italian Restaurant also offers a takeaway and catering service for special events.

Abella Italian Restaurant

Where: B29, Super Bar Road Laitai Street, Chaoyang District

Open: 11 am - 10:30 pm

Tel: 8448 0540



After Sunset

By Gan Tian

Say the numbers three, four and eight together in Chinese and you'll get a sound similar to that of "sunset bar" in English. That's the restaurant's spirit. It brings you something extra special after sunset.

In the distance appears a neon light in the shape of the numerals 348 on the Star Bar Street. Taking a closer look, you'll discover it's a white two-story building. Chris Dai, the manager, said 348 is a cross between a restaurant and a pub. The waist-high chairs, Wi-fi service, table tennis area, and twisting stairs all make it look like a romantic European pub. What's more, if you sit on the southern side, you'll enjoy beautiful natural scenes like the expansive

lake with its glimmering waters, the blue skies and the green trees. You'll be tempted to burst into song.

Dai even mentioned there is a sun beach under construction on the roof of the building. "Just imagine, the roof covered in golden sand, the sunshine, the umbrellas and the lake. Customers will get that bare-foot Hawaiian beach feeling!" he said.

However, the delicious food here still makes it a high-class restaurant. Typical European dishes are featured including Italian spaghetti and pizza and French foie gras paste. You will pay 39 yuan for the appetizer, roasted champignons with ham in rosemary chive creme with hearty cheese brown, or 48 yuan for oven-baked snails swim-

ming in herb parsley butter. These are the most popular dishes.

Ever heard of combining steak and shrimps? At 348, for 108 yuan, the "Surf 'n' Turf" fillet steak and shrimps off the grill with dipping sauce, will bring you a totally different flavor, salty and heavy, but with a seafood taste.

With delicious food and a welcoming environment, it's no wonder ambassadors living in Sanlitun visit 348 frequently. Oh, I forgot to tell you, 90 percent of the guests are Europeans, but this restaurant suits all nationalities.

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Where: 20, Star Bar Street, Chaoyang District

Open: 11 am - midnight

Tel: 8454 1029

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Photo by Kenneth Hao

348**BEIJING TODAY**

A cross between a restaurant and a pub. Serves typical European dishes.

Where: 20 Super Bar Street, Nurenjie, Chaoyang District
Open: 11 am – midnight
Tel: 8454 1029

Abella Italian Restaurant

BEIJING TODAY

A friendly Italian restaurant, offering a variety of genuine home-made Italian dishes including classic pastas and pizzas, as well as steaks and seafood dishes.

Where: 29 Super Bar Street, next to Nuren Jie, Chaoyang District
Open: 11 am – 10:30 pm
Tel: 8448 0540

Awana**BEIJING TODAY**

This Malaysian eatery is owned in part by the Malaysian Tourism board and serves many typical Malaysian dishes. It is stylish, full of dark wood and sports a well-trained staff.

Where: 32, Tianze Lu, Nuren Jie, Chaoyang District
Open: 11 am – 11 pm
Tel: 6462 0004

Biteapitta**BEIJING TODAY**

Run by an Israeli husband and wife, Biteapitta does fresh and light Middle Eastern food, tasty, filling and inexpensive.

Where: A30 Tianze Lu, near Nuren Jie, Chaoyang District
Open: 11 am – 9 pm
Tel: 6467 2961

Du Men Chong

This restaurant provides spicy, hot Chongqing grilled fish.

Where: 30 Tianzelu, Nurenjie, Chaoyang District
Open: 10 am – 10 pm
Tel: 6466 0100

Hot Fish Restaurant

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Claims to have introduced Chongqing-style braised fish to Beijing.

Where: A1-2 Super Bar Street, Nuren Jie, Chaoyang District
Open: 11 am – 11 pm
Tel: 8454 5147

Jin Lin Fang**BEIJING TODAY**

Famous for its spicy hot pot.

Where: B1 Super Bar Street, next to Nuren Jie, Chaoyang District
Open: 11 am – 11 pm
Tel: 8454 0782

Korea Restaurant

Provides the delicate flavor of Korean cuisine, including famous Korean pickles and roast meat.

Where: 40 Nurenjie, Chaoyang District
Open: 10:30 am – 10 pm
Tel: 6468 0656

Li Shui Min Yao Restaurant

BEIJING TODAY

Serves Yunnan cuisine, which borrows hot, spicy flavors from Sichuan and also the tastes of immigrants from Jiangsu, Zhejiang and Guangdong. The taste is a subtle blend of eastern and southeast Chinese cuisine.

Where: 22 Tianzelu, Nurenjie, Chaoyang District
Open: 11 am – 11 pm
Tel: 6467 6676

Little Bangkok Thai Restaurant

BEIJING TODAY

A homey little Thai restaurant that's easy to overlook but worth checking out for its varied, but expensive, menu. It has a more peaceful ambiance than many of the capital's other Thai eateries offer.

Where: 35 Super Bar Street, next to Nuren Jie, Chaoyang District
Open: 11 am – 11 pm
Tel: 8690 2382

Muyiju Roast Duck Restaurant

BEIJING TODAY

Offers roast duck, one of Beijing's famous dishes. It also has group rates for customers.

Where: 22 Tianzelu, Nurenjie, Chaoyang District
Open: 9:30 am – 10 pm
Tel: 8455 1039

New**BEIJING TODAY****Get Lucky Bar**

With a neat layout of cushioned, wicker chairs and candlelit tables arranged around an impressive central stage, this venue hosts local bands.

Where: A1 Super Bar Street, Tianzelu, near Nuren Jie, Chaoyang District
Open: 11 am-late
Tel: 8448 3335

Pili Pili**BEIJING TODAY**

Pili Pili literally means chili peppers, and this restaurant serves up plenty of zing with its menu of spicy, barbecued meats made with traditional recipes.

Where: 22 Super Bar Street, near the end of Star Bar Street, Chaoyang District
Open: 9:30 am – 2 am next day
Tel: 8448 4332

Shu Area Legend

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A Sichuan-style restaurant featuring hot and spicy food.

Where: Western entrance to the Super Bar Street, Chaoyang District
Open: 10 am – 10 pm
Tel: 8454 3276

Si Lu Yi Zhan (Grape Restaurant)

Serves typical Xinjiang food and holds belly dancing performances.

Where: 36 Tianzelu, Nurenjie, Chaoyang District
Open: 9:30 am – 11:30 pm
Tel: 6465 6565

UBC Coffee

A quiet place for chatting with friends.

Where: 42 Tianzelu, Nurenjie, Chaoyang District
Open: 8:30 am – 1 am next day
Tel: 8448 0841

(By He Jianwei)

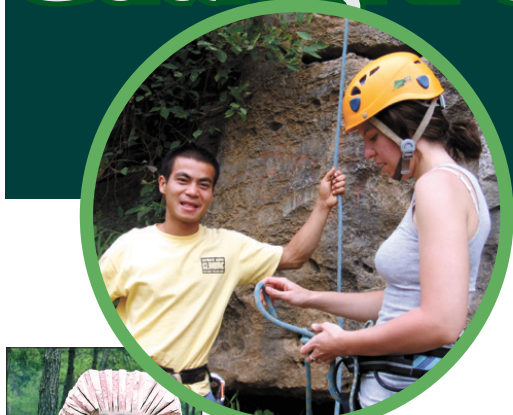
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Get down in Guilin

Guangxi's gorgeous cliffs, eats

By Annie Wei

Living in a city like Beijing for too long can make one sick, so everyone needs the May and October golden weeks to stay sane. There are hushed rumors they may be cut to three days in the near future. Holidays are good, but with 1.3 billion people taking the same week off is too much for any country. Here is one holiday you can squeeze into a single October weekend.



Alison Moore and A Shui are ready to climb.



Sculpture in Yuzi Paradise

Downtown Guilin, tasty fish and a river view

When dining, this reporter's motto is to follow the locals. A high school friend who works in Guilin and is well-connected with all sorts of tourism discounts helped me plan my culinary adventure.

Teaming up with him was not originally part of the plan. As a child, friends seem like the kind of people who will always be there for you. As an adult, you realize it is not true. He saw through this reporter's "I miss you" and answered with a, "You're full of shit." Guilin, experienced a big temperature drop, and the night was pretty chilly. The friend suggested going out for fish. Most popular fish restaurants are located along the river, an area heavily under construction. The fish was really fresh, and it was a very local dining experience. The waves broke along the banks and the mountains in the distance were silhouetted by the moon.

Another very local dining experience can be found by Guangxi Normal School. Any cab driver will know the way. Locals enjoy spicy hotpot served with a local Liqian beer. The beer is fresh and has light taste, and goes well with the spicy, southern food.

After dinner, take a long walk along the river at Bingjia Lu. It's a wide and long road with well-grown trees, nice bookstores and lovely cafes and restaurants.

Yangshuo, half-day of rock climbing

Yangshuo and areas around Guilin have very distinguished Karst topography. Efflorescence and heavy rains have left the living rock a perfect surface for climbing. Yangshuo has as many as 300 climbing routes at various difficulty levels.

Unfortunately, being a top rock climbing destination has turned Yangshuo Xijie into Wangfujing's younger brother. The street is rife with vendors peddling the same junk seen in the capital. Apart from notorious tourism spots and rock climbing, Yangshuo also offers mountain biking, swimming, bamboo rafting and hot air ballooning.

The difference between rock climbing outdoors and indoors is dramatic. Indoor courses are incredibly boring, even for a low-level climber like this reporter. Rock-climbing is meant to be an outdoor activity – pressed up close against the walls and scanning for anything to help keep yourself moving upward. Even beginners can make it to the top with modest difficulty and patience, and real outdoor climbing is a great way to boost confidence.

For experienced climbers, finding partners won't be a problem. Just go to any climbing site and there are sure to be fellow travelers waiting. For beginners and climbers without equipment, there are seven climbing clubs in town that offer equipment rental, one or multi-day trips and climbing guides.

A Shui was my climbing coach, hired from the Spider Man Climbing Club in Yangshuo Xijie for the bargain price of 900 yuan for three days.

He said 80 percent of rock climbers in Yangshuo are foreigners. Some are expats living in Shanghai who fly over for the weekend. A Shui works as a climbing coach by day, and at night, visits bouldering bars where China's best climbers hang out. Jiangbian No 1 Bouldering is only a couple of hundred meters from Xijie.

Guilin Yuzi Paradise, wonderland of sculpture and nature

Guilin is the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region's most developed city. It is built around two rivers and surrounded by mountains. A walk down main street brings the mountains so close you could almost touch them.

Since its investment in high-end entertainment venues, a visit to Guilin is more than just pretty scenery. More and more people who work and live in Beijing and Shanghai take their weekends there to play golf, visit a spa and get a massage.

Yuzi Paradise was founded

by a Taiwanese entrepreneur in 1996. It is an international land art project focused on cavern art and contemporary sculpture. The park is a living museum with contemporary art in assorted languages and styles. Overall construction is estimated to take 30 years.

The park comes highly recommended by travel magazine, *Asia and Away*. The cheapest rooms are 1,000 to 3,000 yuan per night. It may not sound expensive, but if the hotel costs threaten your budget, you can still visit even without staying.

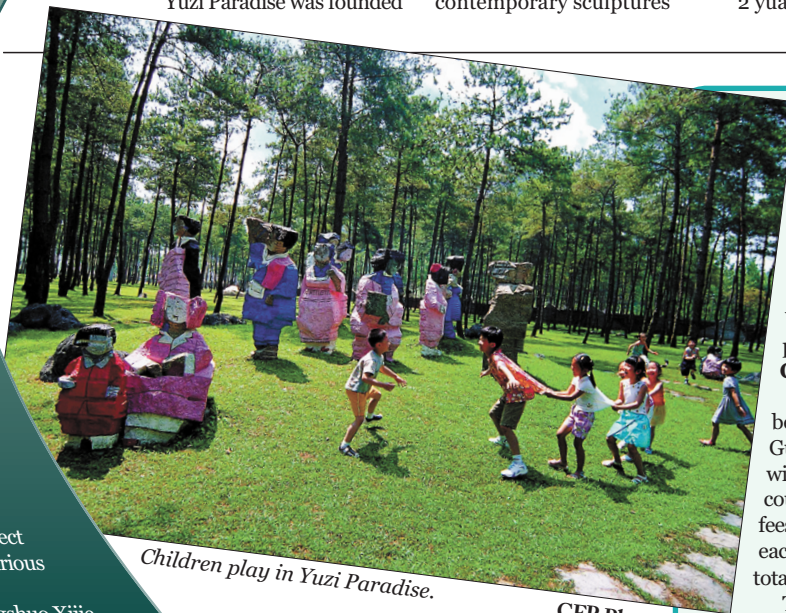
The natural geographic scenery is amazing and 300 contemporary sculptures

add a wonderful modern touch to everything. **Moon hill, popular rock climbing venue**

This moon-shaped hill is seven kilometers south of town, a ten-minute van trip. Tickets are required to walk in, and it takes 20-30 minutes to arrive at the climbing area.

As one of the earliest rock climbing places in Yangshuo, it boasts 14 routes for various skill levels. People who manage to climb over the arch of the hill can enjoy a great view while relaxing.

A Shui took me to Darongshu, only six kilometers from the town on a 1 or 2 yuan minibus.



Children play in Yuzi Paradise.

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Daofeng Bookstore in Guilin
Photos by Annie Wei

Accommodations

Yuzi Paradise at Dabu Township, Yanshan District, Guilin, 541006, Guangxi
Tel: 0773-386 9100
Website: yuzi-paradise.com

Getting there

One-way flights between Beijing and Guilin are 720 yuan with a 60 percent discount. Gas and airport fees will be 130 yuan each way, bringing the total fees to 1,700 yuan.

There are plenty of buses at the east wing of Guilin Railway Station to Yangshuo. The boarding cost is 14 yuan, and the last bus leaves the station at 10:30 pm.

There are buses to Yuzi Paradise from Guilin Bus Station for 5 yuan each. You can also take any bus from Guilin to Yangshuo and ask to be let off at the right stop.

Buses from Guilin to Beihai cost 150 yuan and take seven hours at 8:30 am, 9:30 am and 10 pm.

Singapore Airlines A380 enters commercial service



Singapore Airlines' A380 entered commercial service Thursday with a special return

flight from Singapore and Sydney. The majority of seats were auctioned off on eBay, the global online marketplace, and proceeds will be split among charities in Singapore, Sydney and a global humanitarian organization.

Starting October 28, the A380 will commence its sched-

uled service between Singapore and Sydney on one of three daily flights in each direction.

Upon delivery of more airplanes in the first quarter of 2008, A380 will begin servicing three daily flights between Singapore and London's Heathrow Airport.

The Singapore Airlines

A380 has 471 seats in three classes, with 12 Singapore Airlines Suites – a cabin class above first – on the main

deck, 60 Business Class seats on the upper deck, and 399 Economy Class seats spread across both decks.

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Men's paradise, Pattaya

The beach, nightlife and ladyboy shows: Pattaya, Thailand's capital of fun, is a hedonist heaven.

In recent years, Pattaya has been aiming to expand beyond its reputation as a den of debauchery, and travelers have discovered the city's extensive sports facilities and offbeat museums, providing a holiday destination second to none.



The famed Walking Street in South Pattaya



Historical scene along Pattaya's beach
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How to get to Pattaya

Pattaya is 150 kilometers south of Bangkok, and a bus from Bangkok is one of the quickest routes.

A bus departs from the Eastern Bus Terminal and arrives at Pattaya Bus Station on North Pattaya road every 30 minutes from 5 am to 10 pm every day. A one-way ticket costs 101 baht.

Nightlife

Pattaya's nightlife is world famous. The city's four-kilometer long beach road is an entertainment zone, but its dark legend is rooted in South Pattaya.

Neon-lights, go-go bars, beer bars and massage parlors provide party animals with a non-stop playground. But the city isn't just go-go bars and loud music – recent years have seen a rise in trendy restaurants, piano and karaoke bars and flamboyant cabaret shows.

The city is well known for beautiful ladyboy performers. There are two main cabaret venues where they perform.

Tiffany, the oldest establishment in Pattaya, provides great cabaret shows. Usually the performances are held three times per day at 7 pm, 8:30 pm and 10 pm. On holidays, there may be an extra show at 5:30 pm. Alcazar is another venue for cabaret.

Beach

Pattaya's beach is a great place to go to try something new. Various water sports are available at comparatively low prices, include windsurfing, sailing, water-skiing, parasailing, game fishing and scuba diving. Lessons are available for most sports at reasonable prices, so let loose.

Fishing is a good choice if sailing is too strenuous. Casting a line in local fishing parks, ponds or lakes well stocked with local fish is a great way to spend a quiet afternoon. The parks charge around 80 baht per day for bait, rod and tackle. Some parks also charge for fish caught by the kilo, if you want to take your fish away.

If you're looking for bigger game. The waters around the Manwichai, Rin and Kram islands are popular for marlin, king mackerel and barracuda. Offshore fishing trips are organized by many local operators. Inquire at the tour shops.

Dining out

Like everywhere in Thailand, the local food is excellent – just as good on the street as in a fancy restaurant.

The city is loaded with food vendors and noodle stalls where you can enjoy a mouthwatering dinner for as few as 50 baht.

If you prefer more elegant dining, you'll find excellent local restaurants in the better hotels. Excellent Cantonese cuisine is also available in the Empress of China hotel. The dining room is on the top floor and offers a breathtaking view of the bay.

Other attractions

Elephant Village

These amazing elephants, the national symbol of Thailand, have been part of Thai culture for centuries. In the elephant village, visitors have a chance to watch training methods and ancient ceremonial re-enactments, plus entertaining performances.

Elephant rides are available four times per day for 800 baht. Longer treks include lunch and cost about 1,500 baht.

Sriracha Tiger Zoo

The zoo has as many as 200 Bengal tigers and 100,000 crocodiles. It also provides many activities and shows including croc wrestling. You can also get up close to camels, deer, wallabies, ostriches and baby tigers born in the zoo.

Do's and Dont's

Tourists will find that observing a certain code of conduct will help ensure a successful holiday.

Thai people put an emphasis on dress code, conduct and respect for authority. Sexuality is more reserved than in western society. Thai people are usually tolerant and forgiving and have an easygoing approach to life.

Never lose your patience or show anger no matter how frustrating or desperate the situation – anger is considered a weakness in Thai society. Conflicts can be easily resolved with a smile.

Dress code is also important. Thais dress smartly and neatly. Do not wear revealing clothing such as shorts, low cut dresses and bathing suits, as they are considered improper attire in Thailand.

Avoid touching people. The head is the highest part of the body, so avoid touching it. The feet are the least sacred, so avoid pointing to anyone's, as it's considered extremely insulting. Thais usually do not shake hands.

Do not blow your nose or lick your fingers while eating, and only use the right hand to pick up food eaten with fingers.



Local Transportation

If you arrived on the bus, you can use collective pick-up taxis called "baht-buses" which will take you anywhere in town for around 60-150 baht.

If you want to explore Pattaya's surrounding countryside and beaches at your leisure, rent a motor-cycle for a day, a week or a month. Customers are advised to check around prior to making a choice, because different companies offer different prices and terms.

(By Huang Daohen)



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The beach is a great place to take a break.

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Chinglish story

This column focuses on Chinglish mistakes in our daily life. If you have any experiences to share, send them to Gan Tian at gantian@ynet.com.

I am a color wolf!

By Han Manman

Office worker Mandy was very keen on practicing her spoken English. After hearing about Starbucks being the best place to find expats with whom to chat, she decided to find out for herself.

On a sunny afternoon, she entered the Starbucks near The China World Trade Center, "Wow, so many foreigners," Mandy thought when entering the coffee shop.

While waiting for her latte at the front counter, she quickly scoped out a guy she thought comparatively young and handsome. "Do you mind if I sit here?" Mandy said with a sweet smile. "Sure!" the guy named Tom answered. He had nothing to do so he was more than willing to talk with this sweet girl.

The conversation was light-hearted and time passed quickly. It was getting dark. From her chat, Mandy learned that Tom came from America and was currently an engineer in a western company in Beijing. Mandy developed a very good impression of Tom and wanted to keep talking with him. However, since it was their first meeting, she decided to find a safe place to continue their conversation. She invited

Tom to an Internet cafe as it was more populated and they could play some computer games.

So, she asked Tom, "Why don't we go to a 'net bar' for a while and do something." "A 'night bar' and 'do something,'" Tom was secretly delighted. "Who said Chinese girls are conservative, Mandy is so open-minded, she's tempting me to do something with her," Tom thought.

Tom took Mandy to a famous night bar in Sanlitun Street and put his arm around her as they entered. "Stop! What are you doing! Why are you taking me here?" Mandy seemed angry. "I'm just taking you to the place you requested!" Tom said. "You are a big color wolf!" Mandy said in anger. What does 'color wolf' mean? A wolf with many colors? Tom felt strange and thought maybe it was a Chinese expression describing a man who was very masculine like a wolf. "Oh, thank you, I am a color wolf!" Tom said.

Mandy, running out of patience, slapped Tom. "I've been deceived by you!" Mandy said. Poor Tom is totally confused. What's happening?

Luckily, Tom's friend, Joe, is in the bar and witnesses the whole incident. Joe is a China expat. He cannot help but laugh when he heard

what's happening between Mandy and Tom. "You know what, this young woman just called you a 'pervert' and you said thank you." Joe explained that the Chinese have an expression, "*se lang*," that means "pervert." Also, westerners say "Internet cafe" as a place to play computer games and chat online. So, when Mandy said "net bar," Tom believed she said "night bar" and gave him the false impression that she wanted to do something with him.

Because of Joe, Mandy and Tom finally understood their big misunderstanding. They both felt so badly. Mandy said, "Tom, give me your phone, I'll buy you a coffee sometime to make up for my rudeness." Tom then gives his mobile phone to Mandy but is confused, "Why does she want my mobile phone?"

"The lady said she will call you and ask for your number, not your mobile phone," Joe said, laughing.

"Dating a Chinese girl is not an easy job," Tom thought.



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Chinglish on the way

This column aims to identify Chinglish in public areas. If you see any Chinglish signs, please take a picture and send it to gantian@ynet.com together with your name and address.

On parking

By Derrick Sobodash

Some signs, while not quite Chinglish, still stand as a great example of why word processors cannot be trusted with your spelling – especially when the text is being printed on numerous signs.

For anyone who cannot detect the spelling error, try to imagine the function of an "On parking" sign. Do you park on it? Is it supposed to "park" on something? The sign makes astoundingly little sense.

Obviously, the two letters are backwards and it should read "No parking." However, since "on" is a real word, their software never drew that telling red



Photo by Liu Chenlu

line to point out the error.

Before sending text to the printers and investing a pretty penny in sign construction, remember to get it checked by human eyes. It would have saved several buildings on Guangqumen Wai Dajie an embarrassing entry into the Chinglish Hall of Fame.

Blacklist

Beijing Today has come up with Blacklist, a new column of words or phrases commonly misused by Chinese speakers. If you're planning to be an English teacher, reporter or employee of a multinational company, then this page is your new best friend. Watch it for each week.

Native speaker Joe Edwards**1. When unloading at the site, everyone watched**

Do not dangle your sentences! It's very unsightly and can be quite embarrassing! Adding an adverbial clause subject here better explains the idea of the sentence. Left as is, the sentence might give the impression that you are unloading something quite unpleasant and related to a bodily function! Let's not go there. Try this, "When the goods were being unloaded at the site, everyone watched."

2. If there is no bad, there is also no good.

Please remember the English phrases, "neither ... nor" and "no ... other." Their proper use can be confusing at times to rookie English students. In the example sentence, "bad" and "good" are adjectives and are being treated badly. A good

"neither ... nor" example is, "it's neither warm nor cold," keeping your "n's" in sight. And for an appropriate "no ... either" offering, try this, "it's not warm and it's not cold either." To correct the above sample sentence, we must say, "If there is nothing bad, there is nothing good either." Easy. Nothing to it.

3. They are committed to preserve the artistic site

If the sound of the above sentence doesn't seem to ring true when you read it, your ring tones are perfectly in tune. In this case, the lonely little word "to" is crying out for the company of a gerund, not an infinitive. "They are committed to preserving the artistic site," is the way this sentence should read. If not, this artistic site may never be preserved. How sad is that!

**Local professor
Zhu Shida****1. When unloading at the site, everyone watched**

Beginners have to be very careful when dealing with dangling sentences. The subject of the adverbial clause in this case has to tally with the subject of the main clause. For this sentence, you have to say, "When the goods were being unloaded at the site, everyone watched."

2. If there is no bad, there is also no good.

First, you must remember the phrases, "neither ... nor" or "no ... either." For instance, it is neither warm nor cold. Or, it is not warm and it is not cold either. For the above sentence, "bad" and "good" are adjectives, so you cannot say; "there is no bad." The correct way is, "If there is nothing bad, there is nothing good either."

3. They are committed to preserve the artistic site.

After the "to", you have to use a gerund instead of an infinitive. It should be, "They are committed to preserving the artistic site." However, we may also say, "They keep their commitments to preserve the artistic site."

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The Photography of Chen Nong



Chen Nong's pictures bring to mind the staging and expressions of early glass-plate photography. The subjects are in action poses, but frozen; faces stiff or thoughtful; eyes unfocused, gazing at the camera or off into the distance.

Where: 798 Photo Gallery, 4 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang

When: Daily 10 am – 6 pm, until November 16

Admission: Free

Tel: 6438 1784, 6437 5284

Wake up from Classicality – the Exhibition of Chinese Works by Ma Penghao

Where: Beijing Wan Fung Art Gallery, The Imperial Archives, 136 Nanchizi Dajie,

Dongcheng

When: Mon-Fri 9 am – 5 pm, Sat-Sun 10 am – 5 pm, until October 28

Admission: Free

Tel: 6523 3320

Twelve-year Retrospective of the Twelve-year Old Child Genius

Baixue's paintings take the form of a subjective city wall of art. On the surface it is her family, living environment, dream world and depressions. In the paintings we notice a uniquely attractive, self-willed and bemused air.

Where: Qin Gallery, Enjoy Paradise, Huaweili 1-1E (North of Beijing Curio City), Chaoyang

When: Tue-Sun 9:30 am – 6 pm, until November 31

Admission: Free

Tel: 8779 0461, 8779 0458

Music

Halloween Party

Where: 2 Kolegas Bar, inside the drive-in movie theater park, 21 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang

When: 9 pm

Admission: 40 yuan

Tel: 8196 4820

Saturday, October 27

Exhibition

Luminescent – Ouyang Chun Solo Exhibition



Where: Star Gallery, 2 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang

When: Tue-Sun

11 am – 6 pm, until November 15

Admission: Free

Tel: 8456 0591

Eternal Beauty – New Paintings by Xu Hualing

Where: F2 Gallery, 319 Caoshangdi, Chaoyang

When: Wed-Sun

10 am – 6 pm, until November 10

Admission: Free

Tel: 6432 8831

Outdoor

One-day Trip:

Western Qing Tombs

The Imperial tomb sites of the Qing Dynasty were first selected at Zunhua, 125 kilometers east of Beijing. The first to be buried was Shunzhi, the first Qing emperor to reign from Beijing in 1663. It is now called the Eastern Qing Tombs.

Where: Meet at the Chinese Culture Club (Kent Center, 29 Anjialou Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang)

oyang) for coach transportation.

When: 8:30 am – 7 pm

Cost: 300 yuan

Tel: 6432 9341, 6432 1041

Movie

Azur et Asmar

Once upon a time, there were two children who had the same nanny. Azur, blond and blue-eyed son of the lord of the castle and Asmar, dark-skinned and black-eyed, the nurse's child. Raised like brothers, the children are suddenly torn apart. But Azur, haunted by the legend of the Djinn the nanny used to tell him about, intends to find it in lands beyond the sea.

Where: French Culture Center, 1/F, Guangcai International Mansion, 18 Gongti Xi Lu, Chaoyang

When: 5 pm

Admission: 10-20 yuan

Tel: 6553 2627



Sunday, October 28

Exhibition Changes



The group exhibition will be held at two branches of Beijing Central Art Gallery – Shunyi gallery and Kempinski gallery.

Where: Beijing Central Art Gallery, 02 Riverville Square, Tianzhu, Shunyi or Shop 2, Kempinski Hotel, 50 Liangmaqiao Lu, Chaoyang

When: Daily 9 am – 7 pm (Shunyi) or 10 am – 8 pm (Kempinski), until November 14

Admission: Free

Tel: 6450 8483, 6465 1396

Variation Adjustment

– **Lin Tianlu Solo Exhibition**

Where: Art Seasons, 2 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang

When: Tue-Sun 10:30 am – 6:30 pm, until November 3

Admission: Free

Tel: 6431 1900

Hormonal Imbalance

– **Qiu Xin Solo Exhibition**



Where: Highland Gallery, 2 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang

When: Tue-Sun 11 am – 6 pm, until November 16

Admission: Free

Tel: 6437 7177

Gao Yu Solo Exhibition



Where: Gallery Mook, 2 Jiuxianqiao Lu, Chaoyang

When: Tue-Sun 10 am – 6 pm, until November 15

Admission: Free

Tel: 5134 4969

Stage in November

Concert

Andy Lau 2007

Vocal Concert

Who: Andy Lau
Where: Fengtai Sports Center, Fengti Beilu, Fengtai

When: 7:30 pm,

November 2

Admission: 280-2,680 yuan

Violinist Gidon Kremer Beijing Concert

Who: Gidon Kremer
Where: Zhongshan Music Hall, inside Shongshan Park, Dongcheng

When: 7:30 pm,

November 9

Admission: 120-880 yuan

Solo Concert

by Boris Berman

Who: Boris Berman
Where: Zhongshan Music Hall, inside Zhongshan Park, Dongcheng

When: 7:30 pm,

November 18

Admission: 30-380 yuan

Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra Concert

Who: Chung Myung-whun and Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra Concert
Where: Zhongshan Music Hall, inside Zhongshan Park, Dongcheng

When: 7:30 pm,

November 20-21

Admission: 50-380 yuan

Dance

China Performance Tour by Paul Taylor

Contemporary

Dance Company

Who: Paul Taylor Contemporary Dance Company
Where: Poly Theater, 14 Dongzhimen Nan Dajie, Chaoyang

When: 7:30 pm,

November 16-18

Admission: 180-1,280 yuan

Drama

The Taming of the Shrew

Who: TNT Theater Britain

Where: PKU Centennial Memorial Hall, 116 Zhongguancun Bei Dajie, Haidian

When: 7 pm,

November 2-3

Admission: 60-200 yuan

Mid-summer

Night's Dream

Who: Directed by

Liang Bolong

Where: Poly Theater, 14 Dongzhimen Nan Dajie, Chaoyang

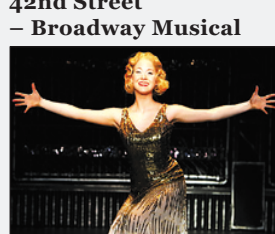
When: 7:30 pm,

November 2-11

Admission: 80-880 yuan

42nd Street

– **Broadway Musical**



Who: Broadway Asia Entertainment Company
Where: Beijing Exhibition Theater, 135 Xizhimen Wai Dajie, Xicheng

When: 7:30 pm,

November 13-18

Admission: 80-880 yuan

(By Li Jing)